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Following Delay, Borough Hall Revisits Merwick Rehab Site

Nearly six months after spending substantive public time on the future use of the site currently occupied by the Merwick Care Center on Bayard Lane, Princeton Borough Council Tuesday night was slated to review zoning that would accommodate for lulure residential, recrealion, institutional, and community use there.

The delay was due, in part, to the breadth of the zoning scheme, which proposes a "mixed use," or MX overlay zone covering a combined 30 acres of land occupied by Princeton HealthCare Syslem's Merwick, Princeton Universi-ty's Stanworth Apartments, and the YM/YWCA. The four organizations have in-dicaled that they would work togelher in redeveloping the entire site, but three of the parties, PU and the two Y's, said in the past that they needed to give a closer look at the zoning plan.

Borough Council was slated to intro-duce an ordinance forming the MX zone Tuesday night, after Town Topics went to press. No public hearing has been sel yet.

But with a contract purchaser in Prince-lon University set to buy Merwick's nine acres lrom Princeton HealthCare System, lhe zoning there needs to be carelully crafted for development on one ol the last swaths of developable land in downtown Princeton. Though the Universily has not specilied what the Merwick lands would be used for, it appears likely that the school would want to increase ils gradu-ate and laculty housing stock.

Planning Director Lee Solow crafted the new ordinance upon receiving leed-back from the stakeholders involved. Alter weighing stakeholder input, what had been listed as "philanthropic" uses in the MX overlay has been amended to not-for-profit community institulional use. Further, the proposed zoning's totaf

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Jitney Launch Set

Princeton Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman and members ol Borough Council plan to launch the free Prince-lon Borough jitney this Monday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the Dinky Station on University Place. The launching will include the unveiling of the name of the new community jitney bus. Attendees will also be able to take an inaugural ride. (*MH*)

School Budget Up for Vote April 15

Aside lrom being a deadline for liling tax returns, April 15 is annual school elec-tion day for Princelon residents ol both the Borough and Township. From noon until 9 p.m., they will be asked to vote for or against the proposed 2008-2009 Princeton Regional School budget, and to select three new school board members. Last year, for the first time since 1991, the public deleated the proposed school budget, leaving it to a committee, formed by both municipalities and the board, to reconfigure it.

The Princeton Regional School dis-trict's proposed $57 million tax levy for the 2008-2009 academic year will also be up for approval. That levy, based on prop-erty value, will translate into an increase ol $332 per year for the average Borough homeowner with a properly valued at $349,000, or an increase of nine cents to $1.965 for every $100 ol assessed prop-erty value, and a $45 decrease per year for the average Township homeowner, wilh a property valued at $431,000 — a one-cent decrease to $1.6997 for every $100 of assessed property value.

In a recent presentation to a combined meeting of the Borough Council and Township Committee, school superin-tendent Judy Wilson noted that those figures do not reflect the school levy or how the budget is constructed. The lev-ies are based on a formula lhat factors in housing sales in the Borough and Town-ship between October 2006 and October 2007. Houses sold in the Borough dunng that lime span held more closely than they did in the Township, Ms. Wilson said. The lormula is also based on municipal rateables, she added. The proposed $56,965,650 tax levy is added to other fund balances, tuition expenses, state aid, and charter school aid, resulting in a $72.5 million operating budget for the upcoming school year.

Two seats are available in Princeton Township, where Walter Bliss (incum-bent), Dan Haughton and Naomi Perlman are seeking three-year terms.

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PRINCETON WELCOMES COLMAR: Twenty-eight exchange students and two teachers from the Lycée Bartholdi in Princeton's French sister city, Colmar, were welcomed by Township and Borough representatives at Borough Hall last Friday. With the Princeton Battle Monument dominating the scene, PHS French teachers Sheila MacRae and Malachi Wood flank the front row, which also includes Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman. See story on page B.

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Township Democrats In One Column For June Primary

All three Democratic candidates for Princeton Township Committee will ap-pear in the same ballot column come the June 3 primary elections, but only two will hold the official slogan of the Township Democratic Party, according to a state-ment sent to Township Democrats this week from Mercer County Democratic Chairman Richard McClellan.

Mr. McClellan ruled that all three can-didates vying for the Township governing body this fall, incumbent Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller, Karen C. "Casey" Lambert, and Sue Nemeth, would appear in the same voting column, but that only Mr. Mill-er and Ms. Nemeth, who were endorsed by the Princeton Township Democratic Committee, would receive the official party label, "Regular Democratic Party."

While the PTDC held a decisive en-dorsement vote, none ol the candidates mel the vote threshold lo receive endorse-ment from lhe Princeton Community Dem-ocratic Organization (PTDC), which met the night before PTDC held its own vote. Putting the three candidates in one col-umn with only two bearing the label was the "compromise" reached in deciding ballot positioning, Mr. McClellan said.

"This compromise, which I stress came from the community itself, shares the con-tributions ol the [PTDC] and the PCDO in this issue and I believe it is a rational and fair approach to what holds lhe potential to become an emotionally charged and irralional situation," Mr. McClellan wrote to

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On March 27, crews were dispatched after someone called in to report an explosion and the odor of something electrical burning on Ewing Street. Crews found the cause was a downed wire.

On March 28, volunteers were sent to Princeton House on Mount Lucas Road for a fire in a window air conditioner. The fire was knocked down by employees who used a dry chemical fire extinguisher.

The next day, March 29, crews went to a Ridgeview Road residence for a report of smoke in the house. The homeowner had tried to light a fire in the fireplace and forgot to open the flue. The firefighers ventilated the house to get rid of the smoke.

The same day, crews were sent to another Ridgeview Road home for another report of smoke in the house. This time, they traced it to a malfunctioning water heater. They shut off the gas and electric to the hot water heater.

On March 31, volunteers were sent to Faculty Road for a reported brush fire outside the Hibben-Magee Apartments. The brush fire was limited to an eight-foot by eight-foot area, and had been extinguished by Princeton University security officers before the firefighters arrived.

On March 31, crews responded to a call for smoke at the Witherspoon House. The cause was steam from a clothes dryer.

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Following its fall 2007 debut, the on-campus **farmers market at Firestone Plaza** (off Nassau Street opposite Labyrinth Books) will return this spring for six weeks, open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Tuesdays from April 15 through May 20. Members of the University and local communities will have an opportunity to purchase fresh locally grown produce and other goods from area farmers and businesses that use sustainable practices. Items available will include organic fruits and vegetables, grass-fed beef and lamb, free-range poultry and eggs, seafood, cheeses, breads, baked goods, ice cream and coffee. The farmers market was launched over four weeks in September and October, and now is intended to run each fall and spring. It is an initiative of Greening Princeton, a student organization devoted to improving environmental sustainability, and is staffed by volunteers from the group. The PU Department of Dining Services will have a table at the market featuring cooking demonstrations by Princeton chefs. Visitors can learn more about sustainability efforts at the University through informational tables from groups such as Greening Princeton, the Office of Sustainability and the Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI). University Health Services and the Frist Campus Center also will have informational tables. In addition, the market will feature live music performed by Princeton students and activities for children. For a list of participating vendors and for more information, visit www.princeton.edu/greening/market.

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TED WEISS AND THE GIRL NEXT DOOR: Ted and Renée around the time the letters featured in "The Always Present Present" (first a book, now an opera composed by Peter Westergaard) were written. After they married, the couple went on to co-edit the Quarterly Review of Literature for over 50 years. According to the New York Times, "The Weisses were assiduous in publishing not only writers like Stevens, Williams, cummings, and Marianne Moore, but a great many of their younger, utterly unknown successors as well. The truth is, it was largely in magazines like QRL that much of the literature now studied as a matter of course in colleges and universities first appeared."

"If Music Be the Food of Love, Play On": A Literary Courtship Becomes an Opera

"It began when I was born," Renée Karol Weiss said, 84 years after the fact. This was her spontaneous response to the question, "When did you get the idea of turning a book of letters and poems into a libretto for an opera?"

TOPICS *Of the Town*

The book, Theodore and Renée Weiss's *The Always Present Present*, is the basis for Princeton University Professor Emeritus of Music Peter Westergaard's one-act chamber opera, which will have its world premiere as a Center City Opera workshop production under the direction of Rhoda Levine at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia next Sunday, April 13, at 3 p.m.

Ms. Weiss's response to the question about the opera's origin makes perfect sense once you learn that she was born into a musical family. Her father Abe played piano, her sister Roselyn was a cellist, and her brother Robert became a violist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. As for Renée, she's a violinist who has performed with, among others, the Oxford University Symphony, the Woodstock String Quartet, and the Princeton Chamber Orchestra. After marrying the poet and scholar Ted Weiss, who died in 2003, Ms. Weiss added writing poetry (and prose) and managing a literary quarterly with her husband to her repertoire. And when you find out that she was also a dancer who studied with Martha Graham and José Limon, you'll appreciate why Mr. Westergaard's one-act opera for soprano and baritone, violin, cello, and piano, also has roles for two dancers, though they will not be part of next Sunday's workshop premiere.

"The dancers will appear in the full-scale production next fall," said Mr. Westergaard. "And they'll be onstage more than half the time, giving visual clues about what's going on in the minds of the singers."

Present or past, the opera, like the book, has it both ways. Framed in the "present" of its conception, it looks back some 60 years to the 1939-1941 courtship by letter that took place when Ted Weiss was a 24-year-old graduate student at Columbia University writing to Renée Karol, the 17-year-old "girl next door" in his hometown, Allentown, Pa. The distance between Allentown and New York is suggested by positioning the baritone and soprano at opposite ends of the stage, Ted at his desk in cramped quarters at

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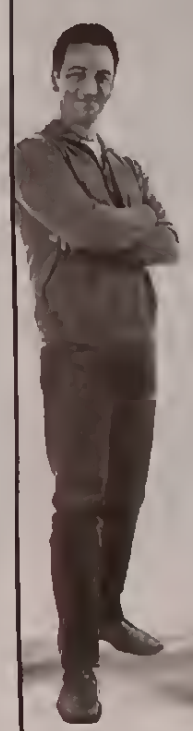
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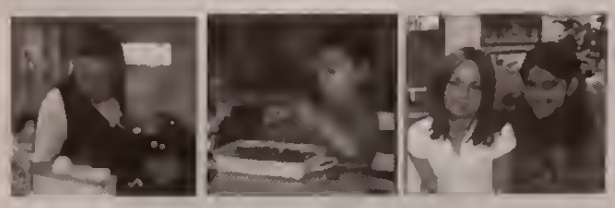
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Literary Courtship

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Columbia, Renée more comfortably situated at a table at home in Allentown.

"It begins with the two of them together onstage hatching the book," said Mr. Westergaard. "And it ends with a wedding at which they're not quite present because they're remembering it." Otherwise, the only face-to-face meeting between the relatively mildly embattled Alfentown Romeo and Juliet (their union provoked resistance from both families) occurs midway through the 45-minute piece when they get together in New York. The train station duet they sing begins, "So we New York this day away/to the brightlights, the night spots,/and the cabarets.../Until the symphony consumes/it all, the whirl, the world."

The composer's note to directors and choreographers advises that however they may choose to stage the opera they should make sure that the audience understands first "that everything they see and hear after the prologue is in fact that very anniversary present R and T [for Renée and Ted] propose to give themselves — a distillation of the memories they share," and second, "that these memories are of a time when they were almost always separated and communicating only by letter." The effect the composer wants is to create a musical equivalent to the dynamic of two people "almost totally dependent on their ability to summon the presence of the other in their imaginations" (the italics are Mr. Westergaard's).

In reference to his conception of the opera, Mr. Westergaard commented that even though his music isn't tonaf, people insist that it is because "it does use a lot of the mentaf processes that we use in listening to tonaf music, especially processes that make for longer term relationships, and that suggest the arc of memory, so that people familiar with the way time is being manipulated think they're hearing tonal music." With New York as a subject and setting, they'ff be hearing "some Gershwin rhythms" as well.

So Much for Retirement

In case anyone associates Stonebridge, where Ms. Weiss lives, with retirement, the fact is that she's been busy ever since she moved there from Haslet Avenue. Not only has she been contending with the archives of the Quarterly Review of Literature (going through papers, back issues, and other business) and seeing *The Always Present Present* through pubfication, she's been giving readings and assembling the most usable of the book's poems and letters into a libretto. She also had the doubly good fortune to find the right composer in Mr. Westergaard (who, like Mr. Weiss, his ally in the "culture wars" of Princeton, came here in the late 1960s), and then to "bump into" the right director in the person of Ms. Levine, a classmate at Bard, where they'd both studied dance.

Director and Composer

Rhoda Levine's career highlights include productions of *Of Mice and Men*; *Lizzie Borden*; *Rigoletto*; *The Bollod of Boby Doe*; *X: The Life and Times of Molcolm X* (world premiere); *From the House of the Deod* (American premiere); *Die Soldaten*; and *Mothis der Maier* at New York City Opera.

Besides studying with Roger Sessions, Walter Piston, Darius Milhaud, Edward Cone, and Milton Babbitt, Mr. Westergaard taught at Columbia University, Amherst Coflege, and for some 35 years at Princeton before his retirement in 2001. Again, "retirement" is a misnomer. With an opera based on The Tempest under his beft, he took on no less a work than *Moby Dick* for his *Scenes from* on *Imoginory Opero*, produced in 2004. His most recent work is based on another cfassic, *Alice in Wonderlond*, which will be performed in Princeton on May 22 at Richardson Auditorium and on June 3 and 4 in New York at Symphony Space. All three performances are at 8 p.m.

—Stuart Mitchner

"OUR ANNIVERSARY DESERVES A SPECIAL PRESENT?": Theodore and Renée Weiss's "The Always Present Present" begins when Renée asks this question. "A gift that wifl grow out ot us?" she wonders. "Yes," he answers, "a present, out ot afl our past." Afthough Mr. Weiss died in 2003, the gift has grown, first into a book and now a one-act chamber opera composed by Peter Westergaard that will have its worfd premiere in a Center City Opera workshop production on Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. at the Kimmel Center, 260 South Broad Street on the Avenue ot the Arts in Philadelphia. Foflowing the performance an open discussion will be held with the composer, librettist, conductor and cast. For turther intormation, call (215) 238-1555.

$25 Million University Gift Fuels Engineering School

Princeton University alumnus Dennis J. Keller and his wife, Constance Templeton Keller have given Princeton University $25 million to strengthen links between engineering and the liberal arts, the University announced Monday.

The impetus for the gift is the recognition of a global "need for leaders who can harness technology to solve societal problems, alumnus and innovator in education," according to a PU statement released at the time of the gift's unveiling.

The Keller gift will endow and name the University's recently created Center for fnnovation in Engineering Education in addition to supporting other initiatives in engineering and ecology.

The new center encourages teaching and student projects that cross conventional academic disciplines, preparing students in afl fields — within engineering and across the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences — to work to solve problems.

"Major issues facing society today — energy, environment, health, security — require a mix of technologicaf, political, economic, and historical perspectives," said President Shirley M. Tilghman in a statement. "The Kellers, in their tremendous generosity, recognize that need and have given us an exceptionally strong foundation on which to integrate engineering into a liberal arts education."

The new center also creates and supports engineering courses that attract liberal arts students.

Mr. Keller, a charter trustee and vice-chair of the executive committee of the Princeton University board of trustees, is the founding chairman of DeVry fnc., one of the world's largest publicly held higher education organizations.

fn addition to their support for the Keller Center, the Kellers designated $2.5 million of their gift for a general innovation fund in engineering. Another $2.5 million will support the Mpala Research Center in Kenya, where Princeton ecologists, biologists, and engineers collaborate with colleagues from around the world on issues refated to the sustainable use of land, water, and animal resources.

The gift is part of "Aspire: A Plan for Princeton," the University's recently launched $1.75 biflion fund-raising campaign, which includes a goaf of raising $325 million to support "Engineering and a Sustainable Society."

For more information about Princeton's Keller Center for Innovation in Engineering Education, visit: http://commons.princeton.edu/ciee/about.html.

Newly Appointed Wilkes Says He's Primed, Prepared, and Clued In For Borough Hall

Say what you will about Kevin Wilkes, but don't say he's not determined.

Mr. Wilkes, slated to be appointed to a vacant seat on Princeton Borough Council Tuesday night, has waited a long time for this moment. Everything is in place for the 50-year-old Democrat, architect, and activist: party endorsement; a name that's a known commodity; and, most important, Borough residency.

The Maclean Street resident's first bid for Borough Council came in 2005, when he sought a vacancy created on the governing body when then-Council President Mildred Trotman was appointed mayor upon the death of Mayor Joe O'Neill.

That effort was nixed in the 11th hour when it became known a day before Borough Council was likely to appoint Mr. Wilkes to the vacancy that he did not meet the residency requirements to hold office. Mr. Wilkes, although a Borough resident at the time, had not yet lived there for a full year.

One of the creative forces behind Quark Park and Writers Block, Mr. Wilkes sought to opt out of the 2006 and 2007 election cycles, but with long-time Councilwoman Wendy Benchley retiring last month, the once-foiled candidate immediately threw his hat into the ring, and fit the bill.

In the nearly three years since he first sought office, Mr. Wilkes has become a fixture at Borough Council meetings, clad in denim and work boots from being on construction sites all day, soaking in the big municipal business, along with the minutiae. Councilman Wilkes, version 2008, is more equipped than candidate Wilkes 2005 ever was, he said.

In fact, the number of Council meetings attended previously prompted one of the questions Democratic Party organizers asked Mr. Wilkes in 2005. "I felt some vulnerability there — I realized that I had only attended Council meetings that pertained to something I was doing, like Writers Block. If I had an issue to lobby, I would go down to Borough Hall and say my peace."

Two-and-a-half years and roughly 80-odd Council meetings later, Mr. Wilkes, a 1983 Princeton University graduate and managing partner of the Belle Mead-based Princeton Design Guild, said he feels he's ready to step behind the dais.

"I made the time commitment and I learned a lot in those years, and it was an important part of my training to just sit there and listen," he said. "It allows me to enter the dais having an understanding of the personal and political interactions with my five fellow Council members. I have some insight into how they think, what they think, and what's important to them.

"I don't feel that I'm going to have a lengthy start-up period of trying to find my way around."

Mr. Wilkes is no stranger to municipal involvement. A member of the Princeton Future Council, he has taken a leadership role within the organization that examines in-town development, as well as looking at economic and society issues. He was also the Princeton Township Building inspector between 1991 and 1994.

The Councilman said that he would focus on the quality of life for downtown merchants ("I think we're at a critical juncture in the life of downtown."), maintaining residential neighborhood character, and Princeton University-Borough relations.

"I'm interested in the Campus Plan and its potential for creating something very special, but also the potential for creating more traffic on Alexander Street," he said.

But after three years, Mr. Wilkes said he's finally ready to get involved, as he looks toward outright election in November. "I'm really excited and I've been looking forward to this for a long time."

— Matthew Hersh

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Merwick Site

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125,000-square-foot cap on all non-residential development now exempts 75,000 square feet for a nursing home — a change that permits the Y to expand and the Merwick Care Center to remain until its anticipated relocation to Plainsboro.

That allowance came after the Y had expressed reservations in October over the proposed zoning, in trying to avoid major obstacles in future expansion. The YW, in the midst of its own strategic plan, occupies Bramwell House on Bayard Lane, directly next to Merwick. The YW has indicated that it will stay on location, and that it and the YM would work together on a choreographed redevelopment of the entire site. In October, Dan Haggerty, attorney for the Y's, said there were plans in the works, but that "no imminent plans" for the Y to redevelop directly on Paul Robeson Place, which runs perpendicular to Bayard Lane.

Other changes in the MX zone revision include language regarding affordable housing, with a 20 percent set-aside for any residential development there.

The proposal also encourages a 25 percent open space mandate. Open space could include streets, driveways, and parking areas, but could also be geared toward preserving a small, wooded tract, known as Merwick Woods, in the process.

The site currently lies in the Borough's R-1 residential zone. If the MX is approved, the R-1 would remain in place as the underlying zoning there.

Princeton HealthCare System officials have said that they would like to see the zoning implemented as the corporate parent of the University Medical Center at Princeton and Merwick moves closer to breaking ground on the former FMC Corp. site on Plainsboro Road in Plainsboro. In October, Mark Solomon, an attorney for PHCS, expressed a desire to work with the neighborhoods and towns through the planning process, but called on Borough Council to get the zoning enacted: "We would love for this to move forward."

—Matthew Hersh

Births

3 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 3 births the week of March 27, 2008.

A daughter was born to Stephanie Davies and Christian Torres, Princeton, March 29.

Sons were born to Dara and Jonathan Miller, Lawrenceville, March 27; and Noel and Daniel Kinney, Cranbury, March 28.

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Question of the Week:

"Will you support the Princeton Regional Schools proposed $57 million tax levy, representing a 3.32-percent increase, in the upcoming April 15 elections?"

"I will support it. I only started living in Princeton a week ago so I haven't really had time to get up on the tax issue but on principle I am favorably disposed toward supporting the budget." — *Alastair Binnie, Governors Lane*

"I probably will not support it. Our taxes are already relatively high and this makes the town less attractive especially for the resale value on homes."

— *Charles Staloff, Linden Lane*

"I think the district has made a good effort to keep the budget within a reasonable increase since the budget was voted down last year. Everything is going up and it is tough. Princeton is an expensive town to live in but education is important."

— *Laura Goldfeld, Montadale Drive*

"Yes. I am very supportive of the school system and 3.32 percent is about the inflation rate at the moment so it doesn't seem to be out of line with the increases in salaries and other costs."

— *Ira Fuchs with Laura and Pepi, Puritan Court*

"No. I don't support it because I think that like everything else in this economy, the district and the schools have to tighten their belts and I don't think that the taxpayers should be asked to pay any more."

— *Marcia Hendler, Ridgeview Circle*

Congo Walks as Township Family, State Reach Settlement Before Court Hearing

An agreement reached Thursday will spare the life of Congo, the Princeton Township German shepherd that faced a death sentence for mauling a landscaper last year, according to Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

The dog's owners, Township residents Guy and Elizabeth James, agreed to pay a total of $250 in fines, with Ms. James, who was the defendant in the case versus the state, pleading guilty to the Township ordinance that prohibits a person from allowing their dog to "threaten, menace, bite or molest any person." The Jameses will pay a $50 fine for each of the five dogs involved in the June 2007 mauling of Giovanni Rivera, who was seriously injured when he and a landscaping crew came on to the James's property for a landscaping job.

It was determined that Mr. James had warned the crew to stay off the premises until all of the dogs were rounded up, but that the crew had come onto the property as Ms. James collected Congo, along with the other shepherds, Lucia, Shadow, Bear, and Hunter. A chaotic scene ensued where four of the dogs attacked Mr. Rivera while another worker attempted to fend off the canines by hitting them with a rake. Mr. Rivera sought refuge behind Ms. James, pulling her down in the process, which prompted Congo to attack.

The attack required surgery for Mr. Rivera, who received $250,000 plus medical expenses in a settlement.

After a November ruling by Princeton Township Municipal Court Judge Russell Annich Jr. determining that Congo was vicious and the four other dogs potentially dangerous, Congo was to be euthanized. The Jameses immediately challenged that ruling in Mercer County Superior Court, with court Judge Mitchel Ostrer allowing Congo to return to the James residence as the appeal was considered.

In this settlement, the Jameses have agreed to:

- Maintain the existing fencing around the perimeter of their property;
- Securely muzzle and restrain Congo, Lucia, Shadow, Bear, and Hunter if taken off the premises. The dogs are not required to be muzzled or tethered while contained in their enclosure;
- Maintain insurance, either in the form of a homeowner's policy, separate liability policy, or both, in an amount equal to that which existed prior to the filing of the present charges and to notify the Township if that insurance is cancelled;
- Notify the Township, Animal Control, and police if any of the five dogs is at large or injures a person or animal at any time;
- Inform a potential purchaser of the dogs that they were found to have violated Township code by biting a human. That requirement does not apply to Bear.

In return, the state will no longer seek to destroy Congo, require dangerous dog licenses for the dogs, require registration tattoos, or require an annual $700 dangerous dog fee relating to the five dogs.

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WELCOME TO PHS: Students from Princeton's sister city, Colmar, began their first day at Princeton High School last week with a breakfast reception. Agreeing that it was "great" to be here were (from left): Matt Pesin, Laurent Hug, Felix Isner, Romain Fischer, Nicholas Lambach, and Nathan Cahn. *(Photo by Ellen Gilbert)*

Visiting Sister City Students Get Red Carpet Princeton Reception

Warm *"bonjours"* were in the air last Wednesday when Princeton High School hosted a breakfast reception for 28 exchange students and two teachers visiting from the Lycée Bartholdi in Princeton's sister city, Colmar, in eastern France. Earlier this year, 12 PHS students and four adults traveled to Colmar where they stayed with Lycée students and their families. Now it was Princeton's turn to host the visiting students, who were staying until April 7.

On Friday the visitors were met at Borough Hall by Township and Borough representatives, including former Borough Mayor Marvin Reed, Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman, school superintendent Judy Wilson, and Director of Alsace/USA Anne O'Neill.

"Real Exchange"

"This is the way it should work, kids hosting kids" said French teacher Sheila MacRae at Wednesday's breakfast, as French and American students and teachers milled around a table laden with muffins and bagels. Ms. MacRae, who had been on this year's trip to Colmar, and Malachi Wood, another PHS French teacher, helped with arrangements, along with World Language Chair Priscilla Russel.

For the rest of the week the visiting students, who already had spent some time in New York City, attended classes with their hosts, while the four visiting teachers compared notes with their counterparts on the PHS faculty.

A Great Friendship

The Princeton-Colmar partnership began in 1986, during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, when Mayor Edmund Gerrer and Deputy-Mayor, Richard Riehm, came to New York City as representatives of Colmar, the birthplace of the statue's sculptor, Auguste Bartholdi. Princeton borough Mayor Barbara Sigmund and Mayor Gerrer were both looking for a twin city for their towns; they met and agreed that it would be a good match.

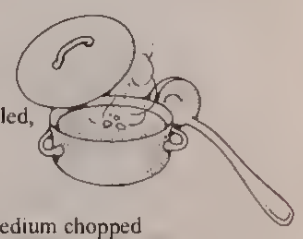
Official ceremonies twinning the two cities were held in May, 1987 in Colmar, and a year later in Princeton. Delegations from each city attended the celebrations, the first of many exchange visits. During the 1988 visit, Colmar officials presented Princeton with the "Petit Vintner," a copy of a Bartholdi statue, which was placed at the corner of Bayard Lane and Monument Drive.

—Ellen Gilbert

Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

Potato Leek Soup

from Robin Broomer, Town Topics Advertising Director



8 leeks, white part only, washed and thinly sliced
4 tblsp butter
5 cloves garlic, minced
3 qt low sodium chicken broth
2 lb marrow bones
3½ lb Red Bliss potatoes, unpeeled, and medium chopped
2 tsp finely chopped fresh dill
1 tsp salt
4 medium carrots, peeled and medium chopped
½ tsp freshly ground black pepper
chopped parsley for garnish

1. Heat the butter in a medium skillet and sauté the leeks over medium heat for 5-6 minutes, until soft and translucent. Add the garlic and continue to sauté for 1 minute more. Set aside.
2. Heat the chicken broth with the marrowbones in a large stockpot over medium heat. Simmer for 10 minutes, removing any scum that rises to the top of the broth with a metal spoon. Add the potatoes, carrots, reserved leeks, dill, salt, and pepper to the broth and continue to simmer the soup, uncovered, until the vegetables are tender but have not lost their shape, about 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool for 10 minutes.
3. Remove the marrow bones with a slotted spoon. Discard the bones.
4. Purée the soup in batches in a food processor fitted with a knife blade. The soup will be smooth, colorful, and thick. Return the puréed soup to the stockpot, and season to taste. Reheat over low heat and garnish with parsley.

More to come... Watch this space weekly for Princeton's favorite recipes... Provided by Robin Broomer, Town Topics

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Township Eyes $37.4K in Sidewalks, Urged to Restore Southbound Bus Pickups

Township Hall introduced a handful of ordinances Monday night, continuing a long-stated municipal goal of creating a comprehensive pedestrian circuit along more heavily used thoroughfares.

Three sidewalk projects, totaling $37,400 in bond ordinances that will appropriate finances to fund the projects, were approved unanimously Monday following public hearings.

The first project, a $13,500 expense, will go to install four-foot-wide concrete sidewalks along portions of Braeburn Drive and Meadowbrook Drive with 50 percent of the cost levied on the affected property owners.

A $3,800 concrete sidewalk will be built along a portion of Battle Road, also with a 50 percent assessment on impacted property owners.

Finally, a $20,100 bond ordinance was approved to replace sidewalks along a portion of Franklin Avenue. A 50 percent assessment is also in store for residents living in the impacted areas.

Township Committee also introduced a bond ordinance that will appropriate $14,600 for the replacement of sidewalks on Ober Road. A public hearing for that ordinance will be held at Township Committee's May 5 session.

In the Ober Road project, residents living in the impacted area will experience a 50 percent project levy. In all of the sidewalk projects, residents will have 10 years to pay down their assessment costs.

In other news, Wendy Mager of the Friends of Princeton Open Space handed Township Committee a check for $225,000 for reimbursement of funds from the closing the Tuscuium estate, 35 acres of which were acquired by the Township for permanent open space.

Josh Leinsdorf, a Borough resident who has spent much of his incumbency on the Princeton Regional Board of Education advocating for increased pedestrian access and busing, urged Township Committee Monday night to nix the drop-off only bus stops heading south, into downtown Princeton. Suburban Transit runs its Coach USA line to and from the Port Authority in New York City from downtown Princeton.

Currently, riders can only flag down the bus as it heads north, but Mr. Leinsdorf said riders should be able to take the bus from points further north along Route 27 as an inexpensive means of getting into downtown Princeton.

"Pedestrians and public transit users are treated like second-class citizens," Mr. Leinsdorf said, asking Township Hall to draft a resolution that would allow for the placement of bus stops on Route 27, which is a state road.

Township Engineer Robert Kiser said there "needs to be more communication" between New Jersey Transit, Coach USA, and the Princetons, as well as getting Princeton University involved in the discussion.

Committeeman Chad Goerner suggested putting a small group together first to "focus on this individual effort."

—Matthew Hersh

Library Program for Children Looks at Native Americans

The Princeton Public Library invites children from the ages of seven to 10 to learn about local Native American History on Tuesday, April 15 at 2:30 p.m., when it hosts "Who Used to Live in Your Back Yard?"

Jim Wade, former archivist and researcher with the New Jersey State Museum, will take children on a journey back in time to discuss American Indians who lived in Princeton and the surrounding region. They will find out how Native Americans lived, where their villages were, and see and touch actual Indian artifacts found in the area.

Early Dismissal

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My Story: "And, What Led You to Try Yoga?"

I first tried yoga as many of my peers in the 70's, dabbling a bit here and there. My first yoga class was at the Jewish Community Center in Ewing with a lovely and peace filled teacher - I wish I could remember her name!

Later, I came to yoga in earnest as a result of a healing crisis. In 1984, I developed asthma after a bout with pneumonia when I was pregnant with my youngest son. I had succumbed to what is now known as "sick building syndrome" where I worked for a State agency.

I was told that once you get asthma this late in life, you never outgrow it. I was put on different medications, theophiline, inhalers with cortisone, inhalers without cortisone, predisone and more...

I began searching out complementary healing methods, diet, nutrition, acupuncture, and other body/mind modalities and, quite by chance, in 1986, I found my way to Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health in Lenox, Massachusetts (where I was later certified to teach yoga).

In their very unique program called "Health for Life" I took in a simple, yet profound life lesson: The body will speak to us when we are out of balance with symptoms - for some, asthma, for some high blood pressure, cancer, back pain, ulcers, etc. At first the body will whisper to you. If you don't pay attention, it will speak a bit louder and if you still don't pay attention, it will eventually have to shout at you.

Well, after a short time of more earnest yoga practice, I decided to take the yoga teacher training at Kripalu Center - not so much with the aim of teaching yoga, but rather to deepen my understanding and practice. I never thought I'd have the guts to stand in front of the room and teach yoga! Yet, the way yoga was taught at Kripalu Center and with such a heart focused and compassionate approach (Kripalu means compassion), it "taught itself" and I found myself wanting to surround myself with like minded people and share the loving gifts I had received from my teachers.

I began teaching lunchtime classes at a State agency, as well as teaching in several community venues (Princeton Arts Council, The Body Center, Princeton Academy of Martial Arts, my local synagogue, what is now NY Sports Club and local corporations). Each site had certain distractions, noise, cleanliness issues, room temperature, etc. In addition, I was lugging props like mats, blankets, straps, cushions, blocks around until I had about 4 large army/navy duffle bags full and finally realized that we needed a 'yoga home'!

I found that I had to resign my post with the State agency due to the toxic air quality in the building. I then devoted my time to teaching yoga in several community venues and soon founded the Princeton Center for Yoga & Health - www.princetonyoga.com (but that's another story!)

So, what is your "story" - what led you to yoga or another holistic or spiritual practice - or even to make a commitment to yourself through exercise or other lifestyle changes?

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Mr. Bliss, a Moore Street resident, is running for his third three-year term on the school board. He has served as liaison to the Special Education PTO and the Minority Education Committee, municipal liaison for the board, liaison for the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance and as a member of the Personnel, Program and Facilities committees. He has also served on the board's negotiating team for support staff negotiations. An attorney with a local private practice, he is the father of four children, all of whom have graduated from the school system.

Mr. Haughton, of Finley Road, is seeking his first school board term. He and his wife, Nell, moved to Princeton In 1982, and their three daughters attended the Princeton Regional Schools.

Mr. Haughton has served on the boards of Trinity Counseling Service, Crisis Ministry, YMCA, HiTops, June Opera Festival and the vestry of Trinity Church for two terms. A native of Alabama, he has degrees from Vanderbilt University and Harvard Business School and is currently vice president of Connotate, an Internet software company.

Ms. Perlman, who lives on Meadowbrook Drive, is seeking her first term on the school board. She has worked in private practice law specializing in litigation and education law. She worked for the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN), served on the Mercer County Juvenile Conference Committee, served on the Littlebrook PTO as vice president for fund-raising and is currently vice president of school services. Ms. Perlman volunteers at the University Medical Center at Princeton, and is active with the district's Special Education PTO. She has two children attending Littlebrook Elementary School.

One seat is available in Princeton Borough, where Tim Quinn is running unopposed for a three-year term.

Mr. Quinn, a Wilton Street resident, has lived in Princeton Borough for 19 years. A writer and graphic designer, he is public information director for the Princeton Public Library, managing the library's marketing and promotion efforts related to services, programming and fund-raising. He has been active as a parent In the Princeton Regional Schools since 2002, serving as co-president of the Riverside School PTO from 2005 to 2007. He is Riverside's liaison to the Princeton Education Foundation.

"Our state law calls for an annual vote on the funding of public education and the call to local board leadership," said school superintendent Judy Wilson in a recent Budget Newsletter. "So it is that each April we turn to you to participate in the critical process of becoming familiar with the goals and impact of the proposed school budget and the qualifications of those running for election to the Board of Education. Neither is a simple matter; each matters greatly in the strength and vitality of our community."

For additional details on the budget and the election, see www.prs.k12.nj.us/, or call 609-806-4204.

VOTING LOCATIONS

Princeton Borough

Polling District	General Election	Location
1	1, 7, 8	Suzanne Patterson Center
2	2, 6	Princeton High School
3	3, 9	John Witherspoon Middle School
4	4, 5	John Witherspoon Middle School

Princeton Township

Polling District	General Election	Location
5	1, 4, 7	Community Park School
6	2, 8, 11, 13	Johnson Park School
7	6, 14	Littlebrook School
8	3, 12	Riverside School
9	5, 10	Littlebrook School
10	9	Riverside School

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Township Democrats, pointing to the PTDC's ability to override a PCDO endorsement vote. The 500-member PCDO, despite casting 240 endorsement ballots, is basically a club, whereas the PTDC, the official Township municipal party organization consisting of two people for every one of the Township's 14 voting districts, cast 19 ballots for the endorsement.

Mr. McClellan's letter, as well as a communication from PCDO President Jenny Crumiller to PCDO members, suggested that many Democrats did not realize PTDC had overriding ability, and had assumed that the Sunday, March 30 PCDO vote could have had an impact on the March 31 PTDC vote. The compromise, Mr. McClellan said, "is, in effect, a reconsideration of the Committee vote taken Monday evening in the light of new facts which were not known at the time."

Mr. McClellan went on to say that while the county chair of either party determines the order and position of party candidates, both PCDO and PTDC deserved consideration in making his ballot placement decision.

"That I have sought out the participation of the [PTDC] and the PCDO stems from my recognition that both groups are vibrant and relevant to our community and to our party. And, that each represents a valuable viewpoint," he said.

All three candidates have accepted the ballot compromise, Mr. McClellan said.

The road to Princeton Borough Council is clearly mapped out this year, as three seats are up for grabs, without, to date, competition.

Democratic incumbents David Goldfarb and Barbara Trelstad seek election to three-year terms, along with Kevin Wilkes, who was slated to be sworn in as Councilman Tuesday night after Town Topics press time, filling a vacancy created by Councilwoman Wendy Benchley's March 24 resignation. Mr. Wilkes is then expected to seek a special one-year term in November's general election.

As of Monday's Petition filing deadline for candidates for the non-presidential primary elections, no Republicans candidates have surfaced in either the Borough or Township. The petition filing deadline for independent candidates for the general election is June 3, the day of the primary.

—Matthew Hersh

Freeman Dyson Inaugurates Hun Speaker Series

Physicist and author Freeman Dyson will be the first speaker in the Hun School of Princeton's Cum Laude series on April 9th at 7:30 p.m., in the Russell Lounge. His talk is entitled "The Individual or the Group? A Question that Arises in Science, Law and Language." The event is open to the public.

The lecture will take place following a private dinner for this year's Cum Laude Society inductees, each of whom will receive a copy of Mr. Dyson's book *Imagined Worlds*. Members of the Cum Laude Society are announced in the spring at the Final Awards Assembly and officially inducted in the fall at Convocation.

Freeman Dyson is a Professor Emeritus in mathematical physics and astrophysics at the Institute for Advanced Study. "His work on quantum electrodynamics marked an epoch in physics," noted Channel 13's "Big Ideas" series. "The techniques he used in this domain form the foundation for most modern theoretical work in elementary particle physics and the quantum many-body problem. He has made highly original and important contributions to an astonishing range of topics, from number theory to adaptive optics. He is also celebrated as an author conveying science to the general public."

CONDO PROJECT THREATENS PRINCETON NEIGHBORHOOD

Hillier Properties LLC plans to destroy three traditional houses to make way for a massive 14 unit condo project on historic Greenview Ave.

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Police Blotter

Luis Navas

The Princeton Borough Police Department announced last week that Ptl. Luis Navas has been awarded the 2007 department Police Officer of the Year Award. Ptl. Navas has completed three years of service with the Princeton Borough Police Department and he is currently assigned to the patrol division. Ptl. Navas was chosen as the 2007 Officer of the Year because of the "professionalism and dedication that he displays while serving the Princeton Community on a daily basis," according to a department statement.

Princeton Borough

Chris Cherie Lovett, 29, of Trenton was arrested April 1, at 1:47 p.m., following a Stockton Street motor vehicle stop where she allegedly gave police a fake name and date of birth. Ms. Lovett was also found to have two active warrants out of Trenton Municipal Court totaling $1,677, and a $400 warrant out of Hamilton Township Municipal Court. Ms. Lovett was taken into custody on the warrants, charged with hindering apprehension, and held in lieu of posting the $2,077 bail amount.

Stephen Marquis McLeon, 45, of Lawrence Township was arrested April 1, at 9:34 a.m., following a Mercer Street motor vehicle stop, for disorderly conduct, hindering apprehension by allegedly giving police a fake name and date of birth, as well as having $8,300 in combined warrants out of Trenton and Lumberton municipal courts. Mr. McLeon was taken to police headquarters where he was held in lieu of posting bail.

The Princeton Township Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Jean Laborde, 39, of Bloomfield, on March 30, at 11:02 p.m., for a no bail criminal warrant out of Irvington Municipal Court. Mr. Laborde was later turned over to the Irvington Police Department;

Curtis Burnett, 24, of Trenton, on March 31, at 12:01 p.m., for a combined $1,422 in warrants out of Ewing Township and Trenton municipal courts. Mr. Burnett was later turned over to the Ewing Township Police Department.

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Police arrested Angel Rivera-Agnosto, 41, of Trenton, following a Route 206 motor vehicle stop where the accused allegedly had a suspended registration. Mr. Rivera Agnosto then reportedly gave police an out of country license bearing the name "Jose M. Rios." That name, police said, was linked to a combined $1,548 in warrants out of Ewing Township, Trenton, and Newark municipal courts. The accused was taken to police headquarters where he was later identified to be Angel Rivera-Agnosto, and charged for hinderlng arrest. Mr. Rivera-Agnosto was also reported to be an unlicensed driver.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 53 calls for service last week.

On Saturday, March 29, the Squad responded for a woman who had a seizure lasting about a minute and a half. As a result, she fell off the stool she'd been sitting on and struck her head on the ground. The crew secured her to a spinal immobilization device and transported her to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

Early Sunday morning, March 30, the Squad responded for a man who was witnessed to have fallen in the street, striking his face on the curb.

The patient, who complained of nose pain, reported that he'd consumed 15 beers previously that evening. He was transported to UMCP.

On Friday April 4, the Squad came to the aid of a woman who was experiencing occasional periods of apnea (absent breathing). After ventilating her with oxygen, the crew monitored her vital signs during transport to UMCP.

Later that morning, the Squad responded for a construction worker who was struck in the eye by a clamp after it ricocheted off a power drill. The patient, who was not wearing eye protection, was transported to UMCP for treatment.

TEA FOR TWO: Sophomores Aya Kwkamoto (left) and Allegra Binchini demonstrated a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the PHS Asian Festival last week. Other activities include instruction in origami, Chinese calligraphy, and OOR ("dance dance revolution").

THERE'S A ORAGON IN THE GYM! This creature pranced around the Princeton High School gym last Friday when the school hosted an Asian Festival. Event organizers included students from PHS's Asian American Club, Chinese Club, and from the school's Chinese and Japanese language classes. There were demonstrations of Chinese yo yo techniques, Japanese singing, and Korean fan dancing.

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Legal Fees for Princeton Ridge Lawsuit Would Be Better Spent on Preservation

To the Editor:

In these perilous economic times, it seems totally frivolous to waste taxpayers' money on a lawsuit that seems to have its basis in soothing the hurt feelings of "disappointed children." The People for Princeton Ridge, who are suing the Township Committee, include Sierra club members from as far away as New York, and folks from surrounding local communities who wish to indicate that they know what is good for Princeton better than those who live and vote here. Their dedication to principle is admirable. But if their true cause is protection of a tract of land that has already been surrounded by development and is zoned for more of the same, why not put their money in real protection? Instead of wasting money on legal fees and the possibility of not succeeding in their suit, why not use the money to purchase the land and keep it pristine forever?

The Bunn Drive site is for sale, and negotiation is far less confrontational than a lawsuit. Please, people, put your money where your principles are.

SUSAN B. LOEW
Overbrook Drive

Borough Zoning Board Should Reject Greenview Avenue Building Proposal

To the Editor:

I am writing about an application for zoning variances by Hillier Properties, LLC that involves tearing down three houses on Greenview Avenue and building a block of condos in their place. The Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment is scheduled to review this application on Wednesday, April 9 at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall.

At present Greenview Avenue/Humbert Street is a neighborhood of unique one-, two-, and three-family houses. The project would destroy three of these houses and erect in their place a blocky edifice that is totally out of proportion to the rest of the neighborhood. The design calls for its residents to park their cars in an underground garage and take an elevator to their apartments. The unwitting effect is to cut them off from contact with the rest of the neighborhood. Yet the application letter enthusiastically describes this structure as "seamlessly blending into the neighborhood." In reality this design would change its character for the worse by introducing a level of big city anonymity.

The letter also argues that a need for senior housing justifies the condo project. But Princeton has an equally important need for reasonably priced rental housing. The project would make the rental housing need worse by destroying six good rental units.

The letter further tries to claim the three houses are "in serious disrepair" and the six rental units they contain are "substandard housing units." In fact the houses are perfectly sound and presentable, as the Borough Housing Inspection records from the past ten years make plain.

There is one building on the block in truly serious disrepair — an abandoned warehouse behind one of the threatened houses. The owners can't tear it down because they believe any building, even a dilapidated one, makes their property more valuable. This is a tough dilemma. But a remedy that calls for tearing down three perfectly good houses in order to make it profitable to remove one eyesore is a poor answer. Finding a solution that leaves the three houses intact would give a creative architect a chance to "meet a community need" and demonstrate "architectural design excellence," to borrow the language of the application.

Those who are troubled by this project should attend the Zoning Board meeting on Wednesday, April 9. Your simple presence will show your opposition. Anyone who wants to can speak against the project or ask questions of the developer. It is an opportunity to stand up to the latest in a series of ill-conceived assaults by powerful developers on the fabric of our community.

STEVE GATES
Greenview Avenue

Borough's Negotiations With Township Need to Be Tougher, Says Councilman

To the Editor:

It's good news that the Princeton Borough and Township administrations apparently have agreed to settle their joint agency bond accounts, with the Township to reimburse the Borough for a net $1.2 million of bonds issued by the Borough on behalf of the Township for such joint agencies as the fire and recreation departments.

These inter-municipal accounts have not been reconciled since the early 1990s. In the collegial atmosphere of Princeton municipal finance, perhaps the lack of rigorous accounting was based on the thought that the Borough and Township are two peas in the same pod and that the Township would pay the Borough back sooner or later.

Later, it turns out. Consequently, since the 1990's the Township has had the benefit of using Borough money for the Township's portion of bonds issued on behalf of joint agencies. It is not unreasonable to estimate that the delay in reimbursement has cost Borough taxpayers between $100,000 and $200,000.

That means that the Township has used Borough money for all these years, and that has increased Borough residents' tax bills. Looking to the future, if the Borough will not ask the Township to reimburse the Borough for the use of cost of the Borough money used by the Township, the Borough will once again give away a bargaining chip in the inter-municipal relationship.

Such a gifting program does not bode well in the long-stalled negotiations between the two municipalities on a wide variety of other issues. Last December, the Borough gave the Township joint title interest in the SOC lands for nothing in return. Now the Borough is apparently willing to give to the Township a Borough claim for $100,000 to $200,000. What's next? (Note that there is an irony here: the Township has twice the tax base of the Borough.)

As our municipal governments consider negotiating a wide variety of up-coming issues, such as library parking and the Township's sole use of joint Northridge sewer connection fees at Borough expense, it is legitimate to ask: how well is the Borough prepared to rigorously negotiate with the Township on issues of mutual concern?

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Candidates Bliss, Haughton Endorsed For Election to Regional School Board

To the Editor:

Everyone who runs for the school board deserves applause; I believe Walter Bliss deserves election again.

Walter has a firm grasp, hard won through 25 years of parenting children in the Princeton schools and service as a board member, of what makes a classroom and a school succeed. All, including the strong students, learn best when every student is being challenged and learning.

Magnificent facilities have been constructed. The budget is under control. Now, as the schools can focus on educational success, we especially need Walter at the table.

JOHN L. POWELL
Snowden Lane

To the Editor:

I encourage all Princeton Township residents to come out and vote for Dan Haughton for school board on April 15. Dan and his wife Nell have been residents of Princeton since 1982, and their three daughters have attended the Princeton pubic schools since kindergarten.

A graduate of Vanderbilt and Harvard Business School, Dan has a long history of volunteer service in Princeton. He has served on the board of Trinity Counseling Service, The Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, the Princeton YMCA, Hi-Tops, the June Opera Festival, and the vestry of Trinity Church. He will bring the perfect mix to the Princeton Regional School Board — experience with the schools, experience in the business community, and experience with the role of the board member. I have been privileged to work with Dan in several capacities and have found him to be a thoughtful, articulate problem solver. He does his homework, shows up prepared, and is always willing to help move a project forward. I believe that students, parents, teachers, and community members will find Dan to be a responsive and responsible advocate for public education. On April 15, please vote yes for the budget and yes for Dan Haughton.

ANNE BURNS
Baldwin Lane

Residents Offer Reasons for Urging Approval of School Budget April 15

To the Editor:

This year's school budget is conservative. The school board has gone to great lengths to focus on savings, conservation, and cost containment in areas such as energy, insurance, and benefits brokerage.

The two expenses that impact an increase in the budget this year are areas over which the administration and school board have no control, because they are determined by state mandate. One is a $1.8 million increase in charter school tuition, which is added this year because more Princeton students are projected to attend the independent Princeton Charter School next year. The other is the $428,000 in additional contributions to the state pension fund for support staff. Despite these two costs, the school budget increase is only 3.3 percent, which is conservative.

We should not let the increase for two state mandated programs result in our school's operating budget getting defeated. Vote "Yes" in support of the school budget on April 15. It is the right thing to do.

JACKIE REA
PETER REA
Southern Way

To the Editor:

We are asking Princeton residents to vote "Yes" for the school tax levy on April 15. Good schools help create and maintain high property values. In spite of the current real estate market uncertainty, properties in university towns nationwide outperformed the market. Education spending not only pays for itself, but produces profit as well.

This year, the school board is asking for $56,965,650, a rise of $1,822,257 (3.32 percent) in addition to the $4,883,272 needed to pay off the facilities bonds already approved by the voters in 1990 and 2001.

Real estate values rose by more than 9 percent in the Borough and 5 percent in the Township last year. Since real estate values rose almost twice as fast in the Borough as in the Township, $1,091,421 of the tax increase will fall on the Borough while $730,836 will be paid by the Township.

The school budget supports facilities for the entire community, not just children. Princeton High School hosts the Adult School. The swimming pool at John Witherspoon Middle School is open three nights a week to all Princeton residents, regardless of age.

The district has a rich educational program, far in excess of minimum state standards. In contrast to neighboring districts, Princeton Regional Schools provides a full-day kindergarten plus limited pre-school. Studies show early education, as opposed to child care, pays dividends for decades.

John Witherspoon Middle School has the seventh highest percentage in the state of eighth graders who are advanced proficient in Language Arts.

Princeton High School is ranked 94th of the nation's top 100 by U.S. News and World Report, and has the second highest average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of any general admission high school in New Jersey.

This is a record that taxpayers can be proud to support. Polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m. Don't forget to vote.

JOSHUA LEINSDORF
DOROTHY BEDFORD
Members, Princeton Regional Board of Education
Finance Committee

To the Editor:

We are writing to remind voters why it is important to vote "Yes" in the school board election on April 15.

Princeton Regional Schools provide what most surrounding districts do not: a model K-12 world language program, full day kindergarten, elementary science lab instruction, middle school Tech Prep and Modern Living, 19 Advanced Placement high school courses, and musical programs for choir, band, and orchestra.

In the past six months, PRS has been awarded two of the nation's most prestigious awards for education. U.S. News and World Report ranked Princeton High School 94th of the nation's top 100 schools and PRS received the prestigious Siemens Award for best high school in New Jersey (public and private) for performance and depth of participation on math, science, and technology AP tests.

Voting "Yes" for the school budget preserves these wonderful programs in our schools, as well as good class size and excellent PK-12 programs that will consistently deliver results.

Continue the pride and vote "Yes" in support of the school budget on April 15.

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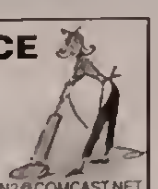

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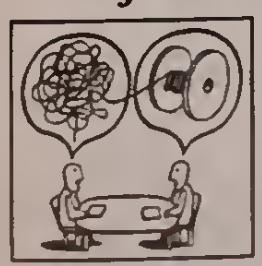

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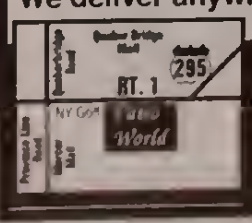

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Books

April Fool's at Labyrinth: The Tale of an Impostor

"He wrote much too well — it just wasn't fair," said Princeton historian Sean Wilentz of David Samuels as he introduced his former graduate student who was making an April 1 appearance at Labyrinth Books. Mr. Wilentz described him as "a teller of stories," a description that also fits the subject of Mr. Samuels's new book, *The Runner: A True Account of the Amazing Lies and Fantastical Adventures of the Ivy League Impostor James Hogue.*

Described by Kirkus Reviews as "A dizzying, exhilarating tale of deception, duplicity and the search for personal identity," *Runner* is the story of "Jame Hogue" the homeless drifter who started a new life by making up a fake identity and gaining admission to Princeton University. It is based on Mr. Samuel's "New Yorker" article of several years ago.

Mr. Samuels is a contributing editor at Harper's Magazine and a contributor to The Atlantic (his article, "Shooting Britany" is in this month's issue), and The New Yorker. He said he was happy to have an opportunity to enlarge on his well-received New Yorker story about "this sociopath." The news of Hogue's recent arrest in Telluride, Colorado, for stealing some $100,000 worth of his neighbors' possessions, presented Mr. Samuels with the chance to revisit the questions he had about "who this man was, and what his story meant."Mr. Hogue's latest caper, for which he is currently serving a 10- to 12-year jail sentence, suggested to Mr. Samuels that he was "unable to make a life except by fictionalizing himself."

IDENTITY CRISIS: A mug shot of "James Hogue," who was unmasked as an impostor at Princeton University.

Fifteen years ago, Mr. Hogue made the news when it was revealed that the star runner and grade A student had entered Princeton under an assumed name. Now he had created a new persona in the well-heeled ski resort as a multi-lingual expert skier who, some believed, had been trained as a master carpenter in Italy. And oh yes, he was, by some accounts, a cook, and a wine enthusiast. "No two stories about him were the same," said Mr. Samuels. "The most basic facts were unclear, and none were true. He left everyone in town scratching their heads."

Bewildering people may have been very much the point for Mr. Hogue. By not making anything about himself too explicit, Mr. Samuels observed, "he suggests things and lets other people fill in the gaps. People like Mr. Hogue are like blank canvases and we fill in our hopes and fears."

When a member of the audience at the Labyrinth reading asked how it was possible for university professors to look across at a 30-something "student" and not realize something was amiss, Mr. Samuels suggested that everyone at Princeton knew the grandiose story Mr. Hogue had given on his application (he claimed to be a largely self-educated, Mexican-American ranch hand in the Mojave Desert), and "no one wanted to dispel the myth or say that Princeton was a fraud."

It isn't only individuals who are complicit in the deceptions of people like James Hogue, a.k.a. Alexii Santana, said Mr. Samuels, who was quite pointed in his negative portrayal of Princeton University as representative of the "meritocracy" to which Hogue aspired. The author said that the whole episode showed "how little the Ivy League application process has to do with one's ability to perform." Describing getting into Princeton as winning "a beauty contest," Mr. Samuels commented on "the absurdity of a system that never would have accepted Hogue for what he was."

Sociopath? Tragic figure? Revealer of hypocritical institutions? Gatsbyesque con man? Mr. Samuels was candid in describing his own uncertainties about his subject, but recounted Mr. Hogue's unhappy experience as a freshman runner at the University of Wyoming as a possible impetus for his Princeton scam. Hoping to create a first-class team, the Wyoming coach had recruited a number of Kenyan runners, already in their twenties and, not insignificantly, trained to disclose as little about themselves as possible, to run on the team with the new students, whom they easily outdistanced. Mr. Hogue "broke down" under the strain of competing with them, and dropped out of school. His re-emergence as an elusive star runner at Princeton, Mr. Samuels suggested, may have been in response to this episode.

Even before that experience, however, Mr. Hogue seemed to have called the shots. Mr. Samuels described how, as a champion high school runner in Kansas, the strong-winded, skinny kid won a race in spite of sprinting much earlier than his coach had advised. "He outsmarted everyone," including his coach, said Mr. Samuels. "He ran his own race and won."

—Ellen Gilbert

Eagleton Institute Hosts Madeleine Kunin

The Center for American Women and Politics and The Institute for Women's Leadership and Douglass-PLEN are presenting a talk and book signing with The Honorable Madeleine M. Kunin on Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. There will be a 7 p.m. reception at which Ms. Kumin will sign copies of her book, *Pearls, Politics and Power: How Women Can Win and Lead* (2008). A former governor and lieutenant governor of Vermont, former U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland, and former Vermont state legislator, Ms. Kumin is James Marsh Professor at Large, University of Vermont.

The Eagleton Institute is at 191 Ryders Lane in New Brunswick.

For further information, contact eagleton.events@rutgers.edu or call (732) 932-9384, ext. 331.

Chris Hedges

"New Atheists" are Subject Of Journalist's Library Talk

Journalist and former seminarian Chris Hedges will discuss his latest book, *I Don't Believe in Atheists* at the Princeton Public Library on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Hedges's earlier book, *American Fascists*, investigated the Christian fundamentalist movement and what he described as its alarming political agenda. In *I Don't Believe in Atheists*, he focuses on a what he believes is a dangerous group he calls the New Atheists.

A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, Mr. Hedges is a senior fellow at the Nation Institute. For nearly two decades he was a foreign correspondent for The New York Times and other newspapers. He is also the author of *War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning*, a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award; *What Every Person Should Know About War*; and *Losing Moses on the Freeway*.

Mr. Hedges' appearance is part of the library's Caroline Llewellyn Champlin Writers Talking Series, which, for twenty-five years, has presented such authors as Ellen Curry, Thulani Davis, Richard Ford, Walter Isaacson, Thomas Kenneally, Paul Krugman, John McPhee, Joyce Carol Oates, Kenzaburo Oe, Alicia Ostriker, Richard Preston, and Wendy Wasserstein. The series, which is named in memory of the Princeton author and librarian, will continue on May 8 at 7:30 p.m. with The *Scandal of the Season* author Sophie Gee.

Author Oliver Jeffers At Barnes & Noble

Oliver Jeffers of Belfast, Northern Ireland, will draw while his latest children's book, *The Way Back Home*, is read at a special storytime on Tuesday, April 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Barnes & Noble, 3535 US Route 1 South at the Market-Fair Mall, Princeton. A signing will follow Q&A about how picture books are made.

Mr. Jeffers is a Northern Irish painter, writer and reader. His art has been exhibited in London, New York, Sydney and Belfast. His books have won numerous awards including the Irish Book Awards Children's Book of the Year in 2007.

The Way Back Home is an intergalactic friendship story where a boy discovers a single-propeller airplane in his closet and flies it into outer space. When his plane sputters he executes a daring landing onto the moon, where he meets a young Martian who has also broken down on the moon. With a little ingenuity, they help each other find the way back home.

For more information on this event, or for a schedule of upcoming events, call: (609)716-1570 or email: crm2646@bn.com. All events are free and open to the public.

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Public Library Hosts Poetry Journal Launch Party

The U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative, believed to be the nation's longest-running poetry critique group, celebrated its 35th anniversary and the publication of its journal, U.S. 1 Worksheets, with a launch party on Sunday afternoon at the Princeton Public Library.

This year's edition of the journal, which is Volume 53, features 94 poems selected from more than 1,000 submitted by poets from New Jersey, and throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Readings

A number of the poets whose work appears in the journal read their poems on Sunday. Some offered contextual comments, like Joseph Longino, who noted that his poem, "Northeast Corridor Line at 25 MPH" had been written just one week before 9/11, and became the first of five poems he wrote about the people from his firm lost in the attack. Helen Gorenstein explained that the line about "unexpected angles of steeples" in her poem "In a Cafe in Rehovot" was inspired by Proust, who used the appearance of steeples — in addition to madeleines — as a memory trigger.

Writer Susan H. Maurer, who had come from New York City for the event, noted that this was the first time a poem of hers was appearing in Worksheets. Her entry, "Calling Bill Kushner" describing a writing collaboration, drew a laugh from the audience with its last line, "It was so intimate I wasn't sure we should be doing this." Another New Yorker, Paul Bernstein, read his poem, "A Damned Shame," which began, "I matriculated in the Seven/ Deadly Sins with a double major/in Sloth and Lust."

History

"U.S. 1 Worksheets" has evolved from a 10-page folded tabloid to a bound, 104-page journal. An all-volunteer staff from the cooperative does the editing, proofreading, layout, and marketing. Paul Cockrell, a California photographer, donated the photo of Boeger Winery on this year's cover.

The U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative began in 1973, when a small group of poets in central New Jersey got together informally to share their poems and their love of poetry. Poets throughout the region attend the group's weekly meetings in members' homes to share and critique each others' work. "There were few viable MFA programs on the study of creative writing — only a handful of clusters, such as Black Mountain College, marrying the vision of creativity to principles of composition," recalled Elizabeth Socolow, a co-founder of the group. She credits the success of the group, then and now, to "the democratic spirit — being generous as opposed to competitive."

"Worksheets" managing editor Nancy Scott agreed. "It's an excellent critique group, consistent. People come into it and stick with it. They learn to triage what they hear there. You don't take all the suggestions. You go home, hear those voices in your head, try it out. There's something about reading your own work aloud, and hearing the work of others."

Other upcoming National Poetry Month programs at the library include Voices Multilingual Poetry Night on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m., and an appearance by poet Terry Blackhawk on Saturday, April 26, at 2 p.m. Throughout the month, the library will host the second edition of its poetry podcast blog, http://pplpoetpodcast.wordpress.com.

Spring programs in the regular U.S. Poets' Invite series will feature Bonnie Minnick and Christine E. Salvatore on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m., and Alicia Ostriker and Richard Tayson on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. Since 2004, the cooperative and the library have co-sponsored this monthly series, which features two poets reading for 20 minutes each, followed by an open mic session.

—Ellen Gilbert

POETS CELEBRATE: U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative celebrated its 35th anniversary and the publication of Volume 53 of its journal, U.S. 1 Worksheets, at the Princeton Public Library last Sunday. Among those who read their poems from the new issue was Cooperative co-founder Elizabeth Anne Socolow, who read her poem "Enter Guests." *(Photo by Ellen Gilbert)*

Junot Diaz to Appear At Princeton Event

Award winning author Junot Diaz will appear in McCormick Hall, Room 101 at Princeton University on April 9 at 7 p.m. The author of *Drown* and *The Brief Wonderous Life of Oscar Woo*, which just won the National Book Critics Award for fiction, he will be in conversation with Al Raboteau, Henry W. Putnam Professor of Religion, and Mr. Raboteau's daughter and author Emily Raboteau, creative writing teacher at the City College of New York. A reception and book signing will follow. This event is free and open to the public.

Junot Díaz has had his fiction published in The New Yorker and The Paris Review, and four times in The Best American Short Stories. His critically praised, best-selling debut book, *Drown*, led to his inclusion among Newsweek's "New Faces of 1996" — the only writer in the group. The New Yorker placed him on a list of the 20 top writers for the 21st century. He has won the Eugene McDermott Award, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writers' Award, the PEN/Malamud Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship, a U.S.-Japan Creative Artists Fellowship from the NEA, and the Rome Fellowship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Born in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, and raised there and in New Jersey, he graduated from Rutgers and received an MFA from Cornell. He lives in New York City and Boston, and is a tenured professor at MIT.

Books will be available for purchase from Labyrinth Books during and after the event. The conversation and book signing is co-sponsored by The Center for African American Studies, Council of the Humanities, Department of Comparative Literature, Department of English, Department of Spanish & Portuguese Languages & Cultures, Office of the President, Program in American Studies, Program in Creative Writing, and the Program in Latin Studies.

For additional information call the Center for African American Studies at (609) 258-3216.

OSCAR'S AUTHOR: Junot Diaz, the author of "Drown" and "The Brief Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao," which has won the National Book Critics Award for fiction, will be in conversation with Al Raboteau, Henry W. Putnam Professor of Religion, and Mr. Raboteau's daughter and author Emily Raboteau, in McCormick Hall, Room 101 at Princeton University on April 9 at 7 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow.

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11:00 a.m. The Engaged Campus
Sponsor: Pace Center for Civic Engagement
Moderator: Kiki Jamieson, Pace Center for Civic Engagement, Princeton University
Panelists: Kimberly Bonner '08, Lisa Kelley '08, Nicolas Lefevre-Marlon, WWS Graduate Student; Antetsoma K. Ukueberuwa, WWS Graduate Student

1:00 p.m. Energy, Climate, and Security
Sponsor: School of Engineering and Applied Science
Moderator: Robert H. Socolow, Princeton University
Panelists: Carol Dumaine, U.S. Department of Energy; Ann Florini MPA '83, National University of Singapore; David Goldwyn MPA/JD '86, Goldwyn International Strategies; Richard C. Vietbuchen, ExxonMobil Exploration Co.

2:45 p.m. Eco-Friendly Development
Sponsor: Princeton Environmental Institute
Moderator: Kelly K. Caylor, Princeton University
Panelists: Julius Coles MPA '66, Africare; Elfatih A.B. Eltahir, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Joshua R. Ginsberg '88, Wildlife Conservation Society

4:30 p.m. Keynote Address: Infectious Disease in the Age of Globalization
Julie Louise Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Introduction: Shirley M. Tilghman, President, Princeton University

Saturday, April 12

10:30 a.m. Antibiotic Resistance: When Drugs Don't Kill the Bugs
Sponsors: Center for Health and Wellbeing, Woodrow Wilson School
Moderator: Anthony D. So, MD, MPA '86, Duke University
Panelists: Maria C. Freire, PhD, Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation; Stuart B. Levy, MD, Tufts University School of Medicine/Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics; David B. Wallinga, MD, MPA '94, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

1:00 p.m. Environmental Justice
Sponsors: Policy Research Institute for the Region, Center for Human Values, Center for African American Studies
Moderator: Kimberly K. Smith, Princeton Environmental Institute, Princeton University
Panelists: Omar Freilla, Green Worker Cooperatives; George S. Hawkins, Department of the Environment, Washington, D.C.; Martin P. Johnson '81, Isles, Inc.

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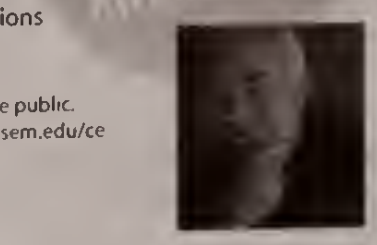

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Art

Works by Four Political Artists On View at Bernstein Gallery

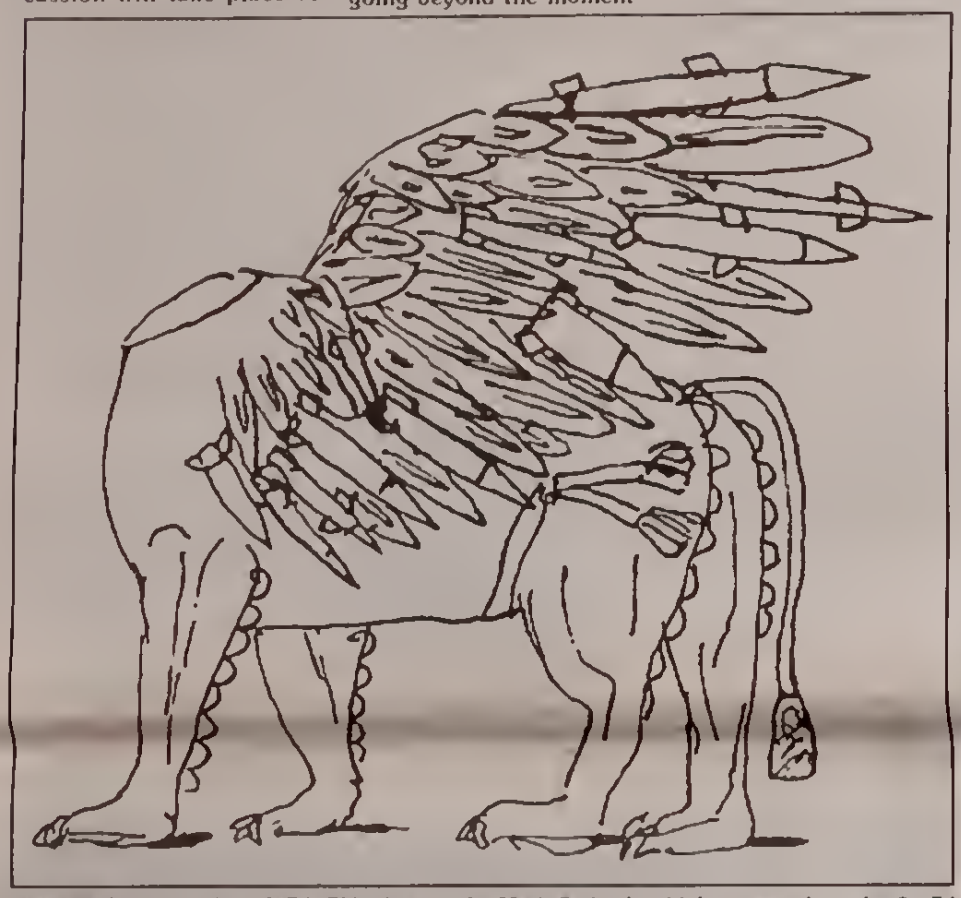
The Bernstein Gallery is presenting "Art of the Times (times four)," a series of political works by four artists whose art has appeared in various publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post and The New Yorker Magazine. The Op-Ed drawings of Douglas Florian, Brad Holland, Frances Jetter, and Mark Podwal begin during the Nixon era and Watergate, and continue right up through the current war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The exhibition will be on view from April 7 through May 16. An artist panel discussion will take place at 4:30 on Thursday, May 1 in Bowl 016 on the lower level of Robertson Hall, adjacent to the Bernstein Gallery. A reception will follow in the Gallery at 6 pm. The public is invited to both events. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Brad Holland is a self-taught artist and writer whose work has appeared in Time, Vanity Fair, The New Yorker, Playboy and The New York Times, among others. In nominating him for a Pulitzer Prize, the editors of The New York Times characterized his work as "going beyond the moment to illuminate a general condition universal in space and time. The images are sometimes brutal, but the feeling is almost always compassionate." In 2005 the editors of RSVP, the artists' directory, voted Mr. Holland "the one artist, who in our opinion, has had the single greatest impact on the illustration field during the last twenty-five years." Writing in Print Magazine, critic Steven Heller said that "as Pollock redefined plastic art, Holland has radically changed the perception of illustration." In recent years he has become an advocate for the preservation of U.S. copyright laws, testifying before both the House and Senate subcommittees on intellectual property. Mr. Holland is a member of the Alliance Graphique International and co-founder of the Illustrators' Partnership of America. In 2005, he was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame.

Before graduating from Queens College, New York native Douglas Florian began doing drawings for the Op Ed page and book review of The New York Times. He has also done drawings and covers for The New Yorker magazine, and has written and illustrated several children's books, including the national bestseller, *insectlopedia*. The New York gallery BravinLee recently exhibited 56 of his gouache on paper works in a show entitled, "The Liars and the Moonstruck." The New Yorker called the project, "abstruse and irresistible."

Also a Manhattan resident, Frances Jetter has placed her prints in publications including the The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Progressive, The Village Voice, Time Magazine, and The Nation. Referring to her Op-Ed work, the artist said, "There was a passion in the making of these images, with their political and social subject matter, and their connection to what was going on in the world: arms sales; genocide, abuses of free speech, the Supreme Court's shift to the right. I thought that there was no better place for art than crudely printed, widely distributed newsprint." Ms. Jetter's work has been shown in galleries and museums around the U.S. and in Europe. Her prints are in the permanent collections of the Fogg Art Museumat Harvard, the New York Public Library, and Detroit Institute of Arts. In 2003, she received a fellowship from New York Foundation for the Arts. She has been on the faculty of the School of Visual Arts since 1979.

Mark Podwal may be best known for his political drawings on The New York Times Op-Ed page. In addition, he is the author and illustrator of numerous books including *Doctored Drawings*, which focuses on major public health issues. Also a practicing physician, Mr. Podwal said that it was in medical school that he "learned blood could be drawn by a pen." His art is represented in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Fogg Art Museum and the Library of Congress.



ZARQAWI'S LIFE AFTER DEATH: This drawing by Mark Podwal, which appeared on the Op-Ed page of the June 9, 2006 New York Times, will be on view through May 16 at the Bernstein Gallery in "Art of the Times (times four)," a series of political works by Mr. Podwal, Douglas Florian, Brad Holland, and Frances Jetter. An artist panel discussion will take place at 4:30 on Thursday, May 1, in Bowl 016 on the lower level of Robertson Hall, adjacent to the Bernstein Gallery. A reception will follow in the Gallery at 6 pm. The public is invited to both events. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

X MAP: This original digital print by Alan J. Klawans is part of "Realizations," a joint exhibit with Florence Moonan in which they display their latest "ideas that became art" at Artists' Gallery, 32 Coryell Street, Lambertville. Mr. Klawans will be exhibiting original digital prints, while Ms. Moonan will be showing new paintings. The exhibition opens April 11 and ends May 4, with an opening reception Saturday, April 12, from 4 to 9 p.m. Artists' Gallery is open Friday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or by appointment. For all other information call (609) 397.4588 or visit www.lambertvillearts.com.

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Kelly Baum, Locks Curatorial Fellow
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April 11, 12:30 p.m., and
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Art for Families
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Nan Orekar, museum docent
Hope VanCleaf, art teacher
April 12, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
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An Educated Eye: An After Hours Event
April 11, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

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Paul Chan
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April 15, James Stewart Theater, 4:30 p.m.

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April 12–June 15, 2008

New Art From India Coming to Zimmerli

"New Narratives: Contemporary Art from India," an exhibition representing new perspectives on 21st century art from India will be at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick from April 12 through July 3. "New Narratives" is the first American exhibition embodying the shift from established artists of the mid-20th century to a new generation now associated with contemporary art in India. A full-color, 120-page hardcover catalog accompanies the show.

The exhibit was organized by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and curated by Betty Seid, an independent curator formerly of the Asian Art Department of The Art Institute of Chicago. Johan Pijnappel, a Dutch writer and critic who has lived in India for many years, served as the exhibition's consulting curator for video and new media.

"The connective thread that binds contemporary Indian artists to their culture's deep and complex oral traditions," noted Ms. Seid, "is ultimately personal narrative." Some artists explore their world through the use of stream of consciousness, through the portrayal of dreams, through investigating family lineage or using episodic self-portraiture, while others produce imagery based on daily rituals, politics, or literature.

"New Narratives" comprises works by 21 artists, including Anju and Atul Dodiya, Reena and Jitish Kallat, Nalini Malani, Vivan Sundaram, Arpita Singh, Shilpa Gupta, and Gulammohammed Sheikh. The diversity of the art offers viewers another level of understanding of India. "Today's India mediates aesthetically and philosophically between the East and West," commented Jeffrey Wechsler, the Zimmerli's Senior Curator, "as new art produced in India touches simultaneously on tradition and modernity, the regional and the universal."

The Zimmerli Art Museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Hours are Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday – Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults and free for museum members, Rutgers students, faculty and staff (with ID), and children under 18. Admission is free for all audiences on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610.

The exhibit is made possible through the leading sponsorship support of The Boeing Company, the Philancon Fund at the Boston Foundation, and Exelon Corporation, as well as contributions from Catherine Glynn Benkaim and Barbara Timmer, Barbara and David Kipper of the Kipper Family Foundation, Susan Beth Kaplan of the Rita J. and Stanley H. Kaplan Foundation and the Margot and Thomas Pritzker Family Foundation.

Part of an ongoing series of exhibitions and events featuring Indian and Indian-American art at the Zimmerli., "New Narratives" reflects a larger project, the South Asian Regional Initiative (SARI), in which the Zimmerli Art Museum, State Theatre of New Jersey, and the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission will present cultural programming of relevance to the Asian Indian community. SARI also includes music and dance performances, family programs, folk art presentations, scholarly symposia, a business summit, and health care programs. The three lead cultural organizations work with the support of an advisory board of leaders from the New Jersey South Asian community.

UNTITLED: This detail from an untitled 2004 interactive single wide-angle projection installation by Shilpa Gupta can be seen in "New Narratives: Contemporary Art from India" an exhibition of 52 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, and new media works, on view at the Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick from April 12 through July 31.

"TIDAL FLATS": This pastel by Verna McClain is on view at D&R Greenway Land Trust's Marie L. Matthews Gallery where The New Jersey Pastel Painters Society is holding its 2008 Members' Show. "Flora and Fauna in Pastel: Focus on New Jersey" presents the works of twenty-five artists, many created en plein air. The exhibition can be viewed during business days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., until May 9. For more information visit www.drgreenway.org or call (609) 924-4646.

Call For Entries

Gallery 125 is looking for entries (excluding video and performance art) for its juried summer show, June 13 through August 2. The deadline is April 29. Applicants should submit up to five visuals of recent work (CDs only) that are available for exhibit and sale to Gallery 125, 125 S. Warren Street, Trenton, N.J. 08608. All submissions must include a $20 check (for up to 5 submissions) payable to: TDA/Gallery 125. CD images must be .jpg files preferably 4" x 6" at 300 DPI, compression level 10 and must include:

1. Artist's name, home address, phone number and email address.
2. Brief biography/resume.
3. Title, medium, framed dimensions and date of work for each entry.

Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish to have the visuals returned. Accepted work must be hand delivered. Call the gallery at (609)989-9119 or email gallery125@trenton-downtown.com with any questions.

"TELL ME ABOUT IT": This collage by Paul Matthews can be seen along with other satirical collages and paintings with collage at the Pellegrino/Shill Gallery, 204 N. Union St. in Lambertville from April 12 through May 10, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. Although the artist is known locally for his paintings of figures, nudes and landscapes, these collages are a departure from his previous work.

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery in Lambertville plans a joint exhibit, with Alan Klawans and Florence Moonan exhibiting their latest "Ideas that became art" from April 11 to May 4, with an opening reception Saturday, April 12, from 4 to 9 p.m. The gallery will be hosting "Green," an art exhibition and sale to benefit the Hunterdon Land Trust on April 19 and 20.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton across from the DMV near the Rt. 1 & 129 on/off ramps is presenting an exhibit of sculptors, all members of the Sculptors Association of New Jersey (SANJ).The exhibit runs through Saturday, April 26.

The Bernstein Gallery is presenting "Art of the Times (times four)," a series of political works by four artists whose work has appeared in various publications including The New York Times, The Washington Post and The New Yorker Magazine. The Op-Ed drawings of Douglas Florian, Brad Holland, Frances Jetter and Mark Podwal will be on view through May 16. An artist panel discussion will take place at 4:30 on Thursday, May 1, in Bowl 016 on the lower level of Robertson Hall, adjacent to the Bernstein Gallery. A reception will follow in the Gallery at 6 pm. Gallery hours are 9 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, is presenting "Passage to Jersey: Women Artists of the South Asian Diaspora in our Midst" through July 31. Featured artists are Siona Benjamin, Anuradha Das, Priya Kambli, Swati Khurana, and Ela Shah. The related exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail! Women Artist of India Transforming Culture — Part 1," will be on view, also through July 31, in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at the Douglass Library 8 Chapel Drive, New Brunswick.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is hosting an exhibit of pastels by Pamela M. Miller and watercolors by Barbara G. Watts through June 29, with a reception planned for Sunday, May 18.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton will host the New Jersey Pastel Painters Society's 2008 Members' Show, "Flora and Fauna in Pastel: Focus on New Jersey," through May 9 in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery. The exhibition can be viewed during business days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All art is for sale, 35 percent of the proceeds going to support D&R Greenway's land preservation and stewardship mission. In celebration of Earth Day, D&R invites the public to "From Outer Space to Open Space," featuring scientist-in-space, Gregory H. Olsen, Ph.D on Tuesday, April 22, from 4 to 6 p.m., with a reception to follow his talk. First-come, first-served reservations are essential for this free public program: www.drgreenway.org or (609) 924-4646.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals, and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20. A show highlighting the artistic collaborations of French poet Paul Éluard and Catalan artist Joan Miró will run through Sunday, June 29, in the Leonard L. Milberg Gallery for the Graphic Arts.

The Gallery at Chapin, 4101 Princeton Pike, will celebrate Earth Month with an exhibition entitled "Two Views of Nature" by photographer Valerie Bowe and sculptor Beverly Fredericks, through May 2.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell is hosting "Variations on a Theme," an exhibit by Frank Magalhães in the main gallery through April 13. In the Small Gallery: "Remnants," photographs by Maia Reim.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting "Focus on Sculpture," a juried exhibition of photographs by amateur photographers sharing sculpture as subject matter, through April 27. The Tots on Tour program where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities takes place the third Saturday of every month, April through October at 11a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Gruss Center of Visual Arts at The Lawrenceville School is presenting "Modern Times" in the Hutchins Galleries through April 25.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. Docent led tours are on Saturdays: April 12, May 10, June 14 at 2 pm. Curator Museum Tours, 300 years of Princeton History, are on Fridays: April 25, May 30, and June 27 — 3 pm; Walking Tour of Princeton, 1.9 mile guided tour, allow 2 hours, meet outside at 2 p.m., $7, $4 for children 6-12. No reservations. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday 12 to 4 p.m.; free admission, donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown will be presenting "Elsie Driggs: The Quick and the Classical" through April 12. "Lilli Gettinger: Memory Transformed" will be on view from April 12 through August 3. "Color: Ten African American Artists" will run in the Fred Beans Gallery through July 6. An outdoor sculpture exhibit featuring Susan Opie will run through June 22. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "New Narratives: Contemporary Art From India," an exhibition of 52 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, and new media works, from April 12 through July 31. "Honoré Daumier and La Maison Aubert: Political and Social Satire in Paris" will run through June 1. "Art Nouveau Illuminated: Lamps from the Sigmund Freedman Bequest" will be on view through April 20. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will be on view through July 31. "From Here to the Horizon: American Landscape Prints from Whistler to Celmins" will run through July 27. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center of Princeton at 435 Nassau Street in Princeton has announced that it's extending the exhibit of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic in its gallery to April 27.

The Lewis Center for the Arts at 185 Nassau Street is hosting a Senior Thesis Exhibition featuring Paintings by Jessica Thompson '08 and Photography by Alexis Collatos '08 April 15 to 18, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Marihoe Gallery, CAPPS, Peddie School, Ward Avenue in Hightstown is presenting Ryan Rosenberg's paintings and digital graphics through April 18.

The Mercer County Community College Art Gallery is presenting a photo lecture by photographer Eric Kunsman on Thursday, April 24, at 12 noon. The event is presented free to the public as part of MCCC's Distinguished Lecture Series and will be held on Mercer's West Windsor campus in the Communications Building, CM 110, 1200 Old Trenton Road. Applications for this year's Mercer County Teen Arts Festival, scheduled for May 16, are now available for teens, ages 13 to19, at www.nj.gov/counties/mercer/commissions/cultural/teen.html. The Mercer County Park Commission is also seeking arts professionals who want to share their talents with middle and high school aged students. These professionals will be asked to lead workshops and critique student work and performances. Interested individuals should contact Katie Babick by calling (609)-989-6060.

Pellegrino/Shill Gallery 204 N. Union Street at Lambertville is presenting collages and paintings with collage by Paul Matthews from April 12 through May 10, with an opening reception on Saturday, April 12, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Pennswood Village Art Gallery at 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road, Newtown, Pa. (Route 413 South), is presenting Bucks county sculptor George R. Anthonisen, his son, riverscape painter Daniel Anthonisen, and his award-winning puppeteer daughter, Rachel Anthonisen-Gates, in "Three Anthonisens." The show runs through June 1.

The Present Day Club at 12 Stockton Street in Princeton is exhibiting the works of Annette Adrian Hanna through April 28. For more information, call (609) 452-2525.

Princeton Day School is hosting the 2008 Garden State Watercolor Society Member Exhibition in the Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery through April 29. The exhibition features work by more than 40 artists. The gallery is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors also are welcome to view the exhibit by appointment on weekends. Call (609) 924-6700 or visit www.pds.org.

The Princeton Senior Resource Center is presenting "Old Masters," a group exhibition by senior artists, from April 11 to May 23, with an opening reception on Friday, April 11, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting through June 8 "Invoking the Comic Muse: Toulouse-Lautrec's Parody of The Sacred Grove," a focus exhibition centered on a painting by Lautrec that simultaneously pokes fun of and pays homage to the winner of the highest prize at the 1884 Salon, Puvis de Chavannes's Sacred Grove Deor to the Arts and Muses. The museum will mark its 125th anniversary with an exhibit of many of its most important works from all areas of the collection in "An Educated Eye: Princeton University Art Museum Collections," which will be on view through June 15. "Early Warhol In Context" will be on view through June 8. "Polygons to Printmaking: The Work of Frank Stella, 1958-1997" opens on April 12 and will run through June 15.

The Schotland Gallery at 123 Main Street in Flemington will be hosting an exhibition of nautical prints from Princeton area photographer Deborah Land, through May 3.

Small World Coffee at 254 Nassau Street is showing "Nature & Spirit", a 35mm black & white photography exhibit by Central N.J. artist, Lauren Curtis, which will run through May 6. An opening reception with light refreshments will be held on Friday, April 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Hours 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park will be hosting an exhibit of works from artists Kristin Lerner and Jules Schaeffer through April 13.

The University League at 171 Broadmead, Room 201, in Princeton is presenting "Seeking Paths" by Ifat Shatzky. The exhibit will be on view April 12 and 13 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is presenting "ArtFirst!," an international art exhibition and sale showcasing the works of professional artists with disabilities, though May 9, in the medical center lobby.

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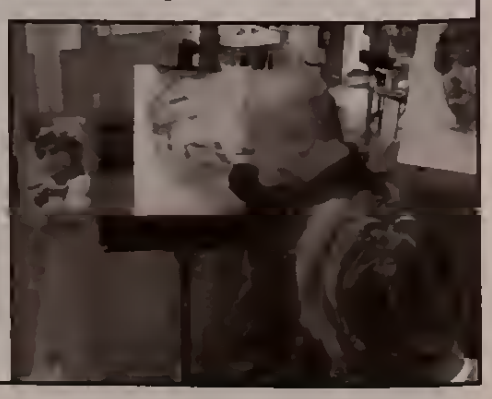


Music

Rossen Milanov

David Greilsammer

"Waltzing With Beethoven" To Be PSO's Season Finale

The Princeton Symphony Orchestra's 2007-08 season will close on Sunday, April 27 when guest conductor Rossen Milanov leads the PSO and pianist David Greilsammer in a program of music by Beethoven, Prokofiev, and Mozart. The concert will be held at 4 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

The compositions selected for the season finale, titled "Waltzing With Beethoven," will include, in addition to Ludwig van Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Sergei Prokofiev's Pushkin Waltzes and the Piano Concerto No. 5 in D Major by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

A free pre-concert lecture with Gene DeLisa will begin at 3 p.m.

Mr. Greilsammer will join the PSO in performing Mozart's *Piono Concerto No. 5*. Written when Mozart was just 17, it was his first entirely original piano concerto and marked the beginning of a reinvention of the genre. Exuberant in the first movement, poignantly lyrical in the second, and unpredictable in the third, the piece displays Mozart's youthful energy and brilliance.

Beethoven's magnificent Symphony No. 5, Op. 67 in C Minor was composed between 1805 and 1808. When it was first performed in Vienna, audiences were stunned and perplexed. For 200 years since, however, the symphony has come to be regarded as the quintessential work of its kind. Perhaps the most famous of all symphonies, Beethoven's Fifth is universally celebrated for its grand scale and life-affirming spirit.

Mr. Milanov, named artistic director of The Philadelphia Orchestra at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts in 2006, also serves as music director of the Symphony in C in Camden and the New Symphony Orchestra in his native city of Sofia, Bulgaria. In 2003, he was named chief conductor of the Bulgarian National Radio Symphony Orchestra. He has led concerts and tours with many U.S. orchestras. Currently he is in the midst of leading a multi-year Mahler cycle with the Bulgarian National Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Greilsammer, who has performed in major concert halls around the world, was recently chosen Young Musician of the Year at the 2008 French Classical Music Awards. His debut recording of Mozart's early piano concertos as pianist and conductor for Vanguard Classics was unanimously hailed by the critics. His recent engagements have included an extensive tour with the Orchestre National d'Ile de France and recitals in Paris, New York, Mexico City, Trieste, Cuba, and Germany.

Tickets range from $16 to $64, available by calling the PSO office at (609) 497-0020.

Voices Chorale Schedules 20th Anniversary Concerts

"Twenty Years of Voices" will be the theme of two 20th Anniversary concerts by Voices Chorale on Mother's Day weekend. The concerts will be performed on Friday, May 9 at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street; and on Sunday, May 11 at 3 p.m. at The Anchor Presbyterian Church, 980 Durham Road, Wrightstown, Pa.

Under the leadership of Lyn Ransom, founder and artistic director, Voices' 50 auditioned choristers perform a mix of choral masterworks, new music, Renaissance and Baroque music, and folk music.

The 20th Anniversary concert program will feature Haydn's "Alleluia," the opening chorus from Mozart's Grand Mass in C Minor, Rheinberger's "Abendlied," Barber's "Sure on this Shining Night," Gretchaninoff's "Svete Tihiy," excerpts from Bach's *St. John Possion*, Thompson's *Peaceoble Kingdom*, and Rachmaninoff's *Vespers*. The second half of the program will include a new work commissioned for the anniversary by composer Elizabeth Alexander of St. Paul, Minnesota, scored for chorus, oboe, French horn, cello, and harp.

Performers will include Martha Elliott, soprano, Timothy Brown, piano, and Elizabeth de Felice, harp.

Tickets are $25 for preferred seating or $18 for general admission, with children $10. They will be available at the door or in advance by calling (609) 637-9383. For more information about Voices Chorale, visitwww.VOICESChorale.org.

Lewis School Presenting Annual Cabaret Tomorrow

The Lewis School of Princeton will present its 12th annual cabaret, "Simple Measures," at the Villa Victoria Theater in Ewing tomorrow, April 10 at 7 p.m. The $12 admission fee will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Lewis School Master Learning Therapist Chantra Reinman will serve as writer, director, and choreographer of the show, which is based on the premise that schools are slowly but surely trimming their music programs in favor of more "practical" subjects. The story follows a mayor who is faced with the task of signing a new budget that would close the music program at the local high school. While sleeping, he is visited by the Ghost of Music Past, the Ghost of Music Present, and the Ghost of Music Future. The ghosts show him that music is, in fact, the soundtrack of our lives. The big question is: Will the mayor sign the budget when he awakes?

Students in the Upper and Middle Schools have been preparing for their drama, music, and dance numbers since January. The production includes music from 1950s rock 'n' roll to present day hip-hop. Dance routines include ballet, lyrical, tap, and jazz.

The Lewis School is located at 53 Bayard Lane.

Juilliard Jazz Orchestra At McCarter on Saturday

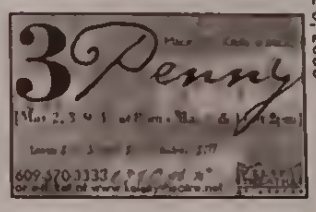
McCarter Theatre will present the next generation of jazz — the Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble and Juilliard Jazz Orchestra — this Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. Each group will play its own set and then collaborate for a special encore, Duke Ellington's *New Orleans Suite*.

The Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble, one of the nation's leading collegiate jazz groups, has appeared in concert with such internationally renowned jazz artists as Slide Hampton, Benny Carter, Phil Woods, Terence Blanchard, and Jimmy Heath. Most recently, jazz pianist Julia Brav '08 was selected to the International Association of Jazz Education Sisters in Jazz Collegiate All-Star Quintet that performed at its annual conference in January in Toronto. In May 2007, she was named winner of Outstanding Performance honors in the Best College Jazz Soloist category in Down Beat magazine's Annual Student Music Awards Competition. Ms. Brav has been a member of the certificate program in musical performance at Princeton University since she was a junior at Princeton High School.

The Juilliard Jazz Orchestra made its debut in Alice Tully Hall in October 2001. Since then, the orchestra has appeared in venues throughout the metropolitan area and on tour in the United States, Europe, and Central America, performing repertoire from across the spectrum of jazz history, from Duke Ellington and Hoagy Carmichael to Wynton Marsalis and other contemporary composers. Works by the jazz students themselves are often highlights of the concerts, and one performance each season is devoted exclusively to music by Juilliard students.

Tickets are $15, $25, and $30, with students $7.50, and are available by calling (609) 258-2787 or by visiting www.mccarter.org.

The Princeton University Jazz program recently made news with the announcement of a $4 million gift from Anthony H.P. Lee '79. Mr. Lee, a private investor in Sydney, Australia, said, "Jazz has been my passion since I discovered it in my father's record collection at a young age. I am delighted to have this opportunity to support the development of Princeton's program. The future of jazz at Princeton is indeed very bright under the leadership of Anthony Branker."



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Glee Club to Perform Mendelssohn's "Elijah"

The Princeton University Glee Club, accompanied by guest soloists, will perform Mendelssohn's grand oratorio *Elijah* at Richardson Auditorium on Friday, April 18 at 8 p.m. The performance will be conducted by Richard Tang Yuk, a member of the Department of Music faculty at Princeton University and artistic director of this summer's Princeton Festival.

Tickets range from $17 to $38, available by calling (609) 258-9220.

Singing the title role of Elijah will be baritone Grant Youngblood, who has performed with the San Francisco Opera, New York City Opera, Washington Opera, Florida Grand Opera, and L'Opéra de Montréal. Other soloists performing in *Elijah* will be Christina Pier, soprano; Mary Nessinger mezzo-soprano; and Jason Collins, tenor.

The University Glee Club performs an oratorio each Spring with a professional orchestra and soloists as a tribute to conductor emeritus Walter L. Nollner, who led the ensemble from 1958 to 1992. Founded in 1874, the Glee Club is the oldest chorus at the University, performing six concerts each academic year at Richardson Auditorium and at sister institutions of Harvard and Yale. Once an all-male ensemble, the choir of mixed voices now tackles the most demanding of choral works from Bach to Schnittke. Last season the Glee Club performed the oratorio *Hercules* as part of the American Handel Festival at the university.

Ralph Covert

Disney Recording Artist Here for April 19 Show

On Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m., the popular kids rocker Ralph Covert will bring his high-energy children's music to McCarter Theatre.

Mr. Covert is the former leader of one of Chicago's leading pop-rock groups of the last decade, The Bad Examples. In February 2001, he released his first children's album, *Rolph's World*, named for his new band. The album was hailed by Billboard Magazine as "the best children's album of this or any year."

Since then, *Rolph's World* has enjoyed critical acclaim from The New York Times, NPR, and Parents Magazine, and received a Grammy nomination for the 2005 CD *Green Gorillo, Monster & Me*.

Tickets are $17, available from the McCarter Theatre box office at (609) 258-2787 or online at www.mccarter.org.

NJSO Concert Tomorrow With Pianist Emanuel Ax

The pianist Emanuel Ax, justly celebrated as a leading interpreter of Chopin's music, will take the stage with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra tomorrow at 8 p.m. at New Brunswick's State Theatre to perform the composer's sumptuous Piano Concerto No. 2 under the baton of Israeli-born conductor Asher Fisch. The concert will also be presented on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, at 8 p.m. at Prudential Hall at NJPAC in Newark.

The program will open with Giacomo Puccini's *Preludio Sinfonico* and conclude with a suite of five orchestral excerpts from Richard Wagner's *Der Ring des Niebelungen*, arranged by Mr. Fisch, who is known for his command of both operatic and orchestral repertoire.

Reviewing Mr. Ax's recent Carnegie Hall recital, The New York Times praised his "remarkably fluent technique, shimmering and velvety tones, and natural way with rubato. To hear the pianist perform the familiar Chopin *Polonoise-Fontaisie* is to hear these qualities on display. This was playing of rare intelligence, intimacy and a quiet, steady grace."

Mr. Ax is renowned not only for his poetic temperament and virtuosity but also for the breadth of his performing activity. He first captured public attention in 1974 when, at age 25, he won the first Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Tel Aviv. In 1975 he won the Michaels Award of Young Concert Artists and, four years later, took the coveted Avery Fisher Prize. During the past year he has performed with the New York, Chicago, Houston, Toronto, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Detroit, Minnesota and National (Washington, D.C.) symphony orchestras.

Mr. Fisch is receiving increasing acclaim for his command of a broad orchestral and operatic repertoire. In addition to his frequent appearances throughout Europe and the U.S., he has served as music director of the Israeli Opera since 1995. He began his conducting career as Daniel Barenboim's assistant. Since his U.S. debut with the Los Angeles Opera in 1995, he has conducted major orchestras worldwide, including the Chicago Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, St. Louis Symphony, Toronto Symphony, National Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre National de France, and NHK Tokyo.

Frédéric Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2, composed before his first concerto but published after the later piece, is a youthful work. Chopin wrote the concerto at the age of 20, before he had finished his formal studies. He served as soloist in the concerto's premiere in Warsaw in 1830. The work reveals a mature compositional style and strikingly original musical language.

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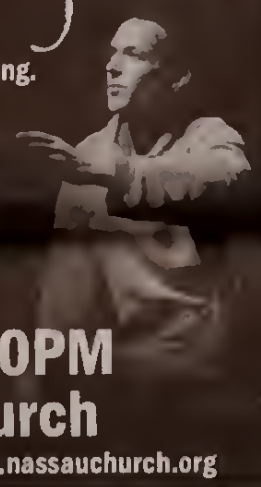

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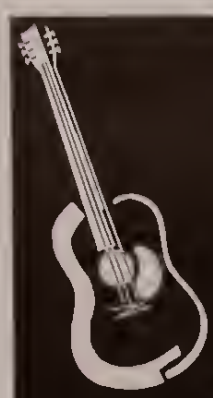

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Youth Orchestra Names Its Competition Winners

"A dream come true!" said violinist Taylor Lee, a West Windsor resident and junior at The Lawrenceville School, upon learning he had won first place in the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra's Annual Concerto Competition. In previous years he had placed, but never won.

"This was his year to win," said GPYO music director Fernando Raucci, who has seen Mr. Lee grow in maturity and musicality during his four years as a member of the Youth Orchestra. "Taylor is a profoundly talented musician on both violin and piano. He has a great future." His solo performance of *Zigeunerwisen* by Pablo de Sarasate was "superb" according to the local violin master Rutao Mao, one of GPYO's 2008 panel of judges.

Mr. Lee was admitted four years ago to GPYO's high school division as an 8th grader because of his precocious talent and skill on the violin. He hopes to follow in the footsteps of his fellow violinist Dan Choi, last year's winner of the competition and currently a Montgomery High School senior.

Katie Wang, a Princeton High School sophomore, placed second with Edvard Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor, op. 16*. She is the principal violist in GPYO's Symphonic Orchestra. Soolean Choy, a senior at Montgomery High School, was awarded third prize for her performance of a clarinet concertino by Carl Maria von Weber.

Honorable mention awards went to violinist Soyeong Park of Montgomery, oboist Alex Popko of Skillman, violinists Brian Kim and Roy Xiao of Montgomery, and violinist Brandon Lee of West Windsor.

As one of the oldest youth orchestras in the U.S., the GPYO is celebrating its 46th anniversary season this year. Currently 150 students, 5th through 12th grades, participate, representing more than a dozen New Jersey and Pennsylvania townships.

Auditions for GPYO membership are held from May to September. For more information or to apply for an audition appointment, call (609) 683-0150.

WINNERS ALL: Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra maestro Fernando Raucci, second from left, proudly congratulates Katie Wang of Princeton, Soolean Choy of Montgomery, and first place Winner Taylor Lee of West Windsor, this year's winners of the GPYO's annual Concerto Competition. Mr. Lee will perform a solo in Richardson Auditorium in June.

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Westminster Chapel Choir Spring Concert Saturday

The Westminster Chapel Choir will present its spring concert this Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College.

The program will feature works for mixed choral ensemble, ranging from the Baroque to 21st century repertoire. Conducted by Sun Min Lee and Ronnie Oliver, the choir will perform Handel's coronation anthem "Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened" and a selection of 20th and 21st century works by Vaughan Williams, Grotenhuis, and Whitacre. They will also perform Bernstein's Chichester *Psalms* with organ, harp and percussion.

Composed of students in their first year of study at Westminster, the Westminster Chapel Choir has performed throughout the U.S., including concerts with the Greater Trenton Symphony and the Queens Symphony in New York.

Ms. Lee, an assistant professor of choral conducting at Westminster, earned a Bachelor of Church Music degree from the Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary in Korea and a Master of Music degree in choral conducting with distinction from Westminster Choir College. She is currently pursuing a doctorate at the Eastman School of Music.

Mr. Oliver is also a member of the conducting faculty at Westminster, and executive director and conductor-in-residence of Manhattan Concert Productions in New York City. A graduate of Texas Tech University with a master of music degree in choral conducting and a doctorate in fine arts, he made his Carnegie Hall conducting debut in June, 2005 with the National Festival Chorus.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for seniors and students. To order, call the box office at (609) 921-2663 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit http://www.rider.edu/arts.

Lyle Lovett

Concert by Lyle Lovett Added by State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre has announced the addition to its spring programming of "Lyle Lovett in Concert" on Wednesday, June 25 at 8 p.m.

Known for his original lyrics and unique voice, Mr. Lovett is considered one of the all-time great American singer/songwriters. He is a four-time Grammy Award winner.

Inspired by Texas songwriters like Guy Clark, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Townes Van Zandt, Mr. Lovett began writing in the early '80s. His 13 albums include his latest, It's Not Big It's Large. His hits include "If I Had A Boat," "God Will," "If I Were the Man You Wanted," "Nobody Knows Me," and "The Road To Ensenada."

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"War Requiem" Symposium Scheduled by Pro Musica

Princeton Pro Musica will host a symposium on Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* on Monday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at The Erdman Center, 20 Library Place, Princeton Theological Seminary's Center for Continuing Education. The symposium is free of charge and open to the public.

The symposium speakers will be Elizabeth Bergman, Meredith Martin, and Christian W. Hallstein. Frances Fowler Slade, founder and music director of Princeton Pro Musica, will moderate. The event is intended to give literary, musical, and historical perspective to Britten's musical masterpiece, which will be performed by Princeton Pro Musica and the Westfield Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m. at Patriots Theater in Trenton.

Prof. Bergman, from the Princeton University Department of Music, will discuss the *War Requiem* and show its context among other major works of the 20th century. Britten composed the War Requiem for the re-consecration of Coventry Cathedral, which had been destroyed during World War II. A pacifist, he combined the traditional Latin requiem text with the anti-war poetry of the World War I poet and soldier Wilfred Owen. A specialist in 20th century music, with special interests in American music, cultural history, music and politics, Prof. Bergman is co-editor of the Journal of Musicology.

Prof. Martin, from the Princeton University Department of English, will discuss Owen's poetry, focusing on the role of poetry in Owen's convalescence from shell shock. Recovering, he returned to the front and was killed one week before the Armistice. Prof. Martin specializes in 19th and 20th century poetry and prosody.

Prof. Hallstein, Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Modern Language at Carnegie Mellon University, will focus on one of the central poems of the War Requiem: "The Parable of the Old Man and the Young," based on the Biblical story of Abraham's sacrifice of his son, Isaac. His talk will include a portion of the movie *War Requiem* directed by Derek Jarman, a visual accompaniment to Britten's music, in the historical context of World War I and World War II.

For more information, call (609) 683-5122.

Kathleen Ebling-Thorne

Annual Spring Concert For Concert Bell Choir

The Westminster Concert Bell Choir, conducted by Kathleen Ebling-Thorne, will present its spring concert on Sunday, April 20 at 5 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

The program will focus on original works composed for handbells and arrangements of classics and hymn tunes.

Hailed for its virtuosity, the 14-member Westminster Concert Bell Choir uses the largest range of handbells in the world — eight octaves. Many of the bells are made of bronze and range in weight from four ounces to 11 pounds. The Choir also uses the large "Basso Profundo" aluminum-cast bells that are a new phenomenon in handbell ringing.

The ensemble has appeared on Public Television's *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* and several holiday broadcasts of the *Today* show. Its holiday performances have been heard annually on National Public Radio's "Performance Today," and it is included on NPR's Christmas Around *The Country II* recording. The choir has performed at Carnegie Hall twice during the Christmas season.

Ms. Ebling-Thorne, director of the Westminster Concert Bell Choir, is a graduate of Westminster Choir College. She is a member of the sacred music department at Westminster Choir College, where she teaches classes in handbell training and conducts a second handbell choir. Well known as a handbell clinician, Ms. Ebling-Thorne has conducted sessions for the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers both on the local and national levels. She has conducted the Westminster Concert Bell Choir for its 15-city North American tour as part of *A Royal Christmas*, performing with Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Charlotte Church, and the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra.

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THE QUEEN: Princeton University student Heather May '10 as Queen Elizabeth in "Orange Woman, A Ballad for a Moor," which was written by Roger Q. Mason '08 and directed by Kemati J. Porter. Mr. Mason's senior thesis production in the Program for Theater and Dance will be performed at the Berlind Theater at 8 p.m. on April 10, 11, and 12. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

ORANGES, ANYONE?: Laura Hankin '10 plays one of the Orange Women in a play portraying the relationship between Queen Elizabeth I and her ward, Lucy Morgan. "Orange Woman, A Ballad for a Moor" will be at the Berlind Theater at 8 p.m. on April 10, 11, and 12. Tickets cost $10-$15. For information call (609) 258-2787; (609) 258-9229. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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DVD REVIEW

Celebrating Widmark and Dassin: A Memorable Collaboration

An unfunny thing happened to me on the way to the writing of this review: Charlton Heston died on April 5, age 84. If you measure a person's stature according to the size of the New York Times obituary, Heston would seem to have been a giant. He rated a full page plus the lead in the Arts section, far outspacing Richard Widmark, who died on Monday, March 24, at 93, exactly a week ahead of Jules Dassin, who was 96. In effect, Moses, Ben Hur, and Michaelangelo trumped a cackling psychopath and a black-listed expatriate. Here, in my space, it's the other way around, and not just because the column was almost done. What prompted me to write about Widmark and Dassin in the first place was the proximity in death of two men whose best work was arguably accomplished in the same film, Dassin's *Night and the City* (1950). That wild movie — more than a mere film noir, it's a super noir — easily trumps *The Ten Commandments*, *Ben Hur*, and *The Agony and the Ecstasy*. Heston did some fine work in his time, but most movie people (including, it seems, Manohla Dargis in her Times feature "The Man Who Touched Evil and Saved the World") would agree that the best thing he ever did was to insist that Orson Welles direct the film they were co-starring in, *Touch of Evil*, which marks its 50th anniversary this year. With Welles at the helm, what might have been nothing more than a piece of pulp fiction became a visionary carnival worthy of a column or two on its own. Besides being another super noir that has more than a little in common with *Night and the City*, it has to be among the nuttiest movies ever made.

Widmork's Moment

Like Edward G. Robinson and Boris Karloff, the "real life" Richard Widmark was the antithesis of his signature role as (to quote the standard obituary lead) "the giggling killer who pushed an old woman in a wheelchair down a flight of stairs." In an AP interview he once said, "I know I've made kind of a half-assed career out of violence, but I abhor violence." He was also, in contrast to N.R.A. President Heston, "an ardent supporter" of gun control and found it "incredible ... that we are the only civilized nation that does not put some effective control on guns."

Widmark's arrival on the scene as the foathesome Tommy Udo in *Kiss of Death* (1947) was one of the most spectacular debuts in American film history. In a little less than four minutes he created a cinematic sensation, the giggle heard round the world. Some accounts of the scene give the mistaken impression that he's giggling as he pushes the wheelchair-bound woman down the stairs; in fact, it happens as he's telling her the terrible things he plans to do to her son, "the squealer" (Victor Mature), and the sound he makes is more nasal than a giggle, something closer to a sinister whinny or a diabolical snigger. When he does it a second time, the result is reminiscent of the throaty chortle that his predecessor and inspiration James Cagney sometimes uses when he's contemplating something nicely nasty. Even at his fiercest, Cagney always seemed to be enjoying himself. Udo is enjoying the birth of a bright idea; he's like a director visualizing the efements (helpless woman in wheelchair/staircase) for the horrific scene he's about to enact.

Asked where "that laugh" had come from at a July 2002 Crime Scene Weekend event he shared with Dassin at London's National Film Theatre (NFT), Widmark replied that he and his brother "had kind of goofy laughs to begin with, and under the stress and nervousness of my first picture, it came easy." He then admits, "If anything, I overdid it," which of course is why it works so well. In Hollywood, if you're in the right film with the right director, the road of excess can take you a lot farther than the straight and narrow. A few years fater in London he found the right role and the right director.

London By Night

True to its title, Jules Dassin's *Night and the City* is the ultimate night city movie. Widmark talked about it at the NFT event: "London in 1949 was still all bombed-out. The whole town was a real shambles, so everything was in the process of being reconstructed. I spent 30 nights running around London. I mean running. I lost about 20 pounds. But it was worth it. Dassin was a great director."

Describing the making of the film on the Criterion DVD of *Night and the City* (1950), Dassin pays Widmark the ultimate compliment: "I wanted to do *Hamlet* with him. I had that high a regard for what he was capable of."

One thing that makes *Night and the City* remarkable is the bonding of actor and director you can sense taking place during Dassin's breakneck journey through the London night. As he sends Widmark's desperate, driven smalltime grifter Harry Fabian scrambling around the city in an aff-out, life-or-death attempt to make it big ("I just wanta be somebody!"), Dassin is directing as if the life of his work depended on it, and, in a sense, it did. It was his last shot. Like Harry, he was doomed and didn't know it. After Elia Kazan named his name before the House Un-American Activities Committee, he was finished in Hollywood, but he didn't comprehend the reality of being blacklisted until 20th-Century Fox boss Darryl F. Zanuck gave him *Night and the City* as a sort of parting gift to direct "under the wire" in London, and told him it was the last picture he'd ever make for Fox, advising him to shoot all "the most expensive scenes" right away so that the studio couldn't shut down the fifm when the HUAC subpoena was served. No wonder, then, that Dassin understood the do-or-die, against-all-odds intensity of Widmark's performance. If Harry Fabian was on the run, so was Dassin, who not only had the incentive to work quickfy but to put everything into it — everything he'd fearned from making *Brute Force*, *The Naked City*, and *Thieves' Highway* between 1947 and 1950. You can almost feel the director sweating and scheming alongside his frantic, mercurial protagonist, except that Harry is, as another character observes, "an artist without an art," while Dassin is able to blend his art with Widmark's to put the movie over.

In many ways, Richard Widmark's Harry Fabian is as excessive as his Tommy Udo, but it's also a richer, deeper, and ultimately more uninhibited performance. His accomplishment in *Night and the City* is to make a repellent character sympathetic without diluting his obnoxiousness. On top of that, just as the director identified with the actor, Widmark identified with Dassin to the point where he would stand behind him, according to Dassin, whenever he was directing the few scenes that excluded Harry Fabian. One of the film's finest moments comes with the death of the aging wrestler played by Stanislaus Zbyszko, a real-life champion wrestler Dassin remembered from his boyhood and made a point of tracking down (he found him in New Jersey, naturally). As he stood behind Dassin watching the scene being filmed, Widmark was so wrapped up In the action that he thought the illusion had become reality. "I felt his fingernails digging into my shoufder," Dassin recalled. "He was afraid the old man had really died!"

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Jules Dassin's *Never On Sunday* (1960) was one of the most popular foreign films ever to play in America. Released in the fall of 1960 as the country was moving toward Kennedy's New Frontier, this joyous celebration of Greek music and Greek life could have been subtitled, "Melina Mercouri, The Life Force." Watching it again years later it's still impossible to resist the woman, and it still comes across as a remarkably spirited feel-good movie, but for it to be mentioned before *Night and the City* in assessments of Dassin's work is a bit like citing, say, *How to Marry a Millionaire* over *Red River* or *Bringing Up Baby* in a summary of Howard Hawks's career. One of the oddest pleasures of *Never on Sundoy* is watching Dassin himself playing the nerdy American Homer Thrace in his white sneakers and funny hat flitting around like a fussy moth who keeps catching his wings in Mercouri's flame.

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World Premiere of Elaine May Comedy Opening This Week in New Brunswick

The final play of the current season at New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse will be *Roger is Dead*, opening this Friday, April 11 and running through May 11.

Written and directed by two-time Academy Award nominee Elaine May, the comedy will star the award-winning actress Marlo Thomas. The cast will also include Tom Bloom, Mark Blum, Julia Brothers, Carman Matthew Lacivita, and Patricia O'Connell.

"It is only fitting that, as we began the season with a classic comedy, *The Sunshine Boys* with Jack Klugman and Paul Dooley, we also end it with a new comedy by the talented writer-director Elaine May," said George Street Playhouse artistic director David Saint. "I have long been a fan of Elaine May and I am thrilled to welcome her, Ms. Thomas, and the rest of this talented cast to the George Street family."

In *Roger is Deod* Ms. Thomas plays Doreen, the socialite wife of a right-wing Republican. On her way to a fundraiser, driven by a possibly illegal immigrant, she ends up at the home of a former employee and her left-wing husband. Complications, of course, ensue.

Marlo Thomas

Ms. May earned a Drama Desk Award for her one-act play *Adaptation*, which she directed along with Terrence McNally's *Next*. She wrote, directed and starred in her first film, *A New Leaf*, with Walter Matthau. She also wrote and directed *Mikey & Nicky*, starring Peter Falk and John Cassavetes, and received an Oscar nomination for the screenplay of *Heaven Can Wait*. Her acting credits include the films *California Suite*, *Enter Laughing*, *In The Spirit*, and *Small Time Crooks*.

Ms. Thomas has appeared on Broadway in *The Shadow Box*, *Social Security*, and *Thieves*, and in the national tour of *Six Degrees of Separation*. She has appeared in more than a dozen television movies, including *Nobody's Child*, for which she won an Emmy for Best Dramatic Actress. Her films include *Playing Mona Lisa*, *The Real Blonde*, *Dust and Stardust*, *In the Spirit*, *Thieves*, and *Jenny*. She starred in and produced *That Girl*, television's first comedy series about a single, independent woman. She has been honored with Peabody, Golden Globe, Grammy, and four Emmy awards, and has been inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

Tickets range from $28 to $64, available by contacting the George Street Playhouse box office at (732) 246-7717 or online at www.GSPonline.org. Groups of ten or more are eligible for discounts; for information, call (732) 846-2895, ext. 134.

The opening night performance this Friday is sold out, as is the matinee performance on Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available for the remaining performances this weekend, on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m. For the rest of the run, show times will be Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 17; Sunday, April 20; Saturday, April 26; Thursday, May 1; Saturday, May 3; Sunday, May 4; Thursday, May 8; and Sunday, May 11. Sunday evening performances will be offered on April 20 at 7 p.m. and May 11 at 8 p.m.

ANIMAL LOVERS: David Abeles, left, will portray Dr. Doolittle and Paul Wyatt, right, his son Colin in the touring production of "Dr. Doolittle," visiting the Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College on Saturday, April 19 at 2 and 4 p.m. For tickets, call (609) 570-3333 or visit www.kelseytheatre.net.

(Photo by Joan Marcus)

Children's "Dr. Doolittle" Coming to Kelsey Theatre

The bond between father and son transcends all of life's twists and turns in the children's musical *Dr. Doolittle*, arriving Saturday, April 19 at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. A production of Theatreworks/USA, the show will be given two performances, at 2 and 4 p.m.

Based on the book by Hugh Lofting, the show depicts the author telling a colorful tale to his son Colin, when father and son are separated during World War I. Mr. Lofting, a lieutenant in the Royal British Army, writes of a kind-hearted physician who can talk to animals. Set in the English town of Puddleby-on-March, Dr. Doolittle lives contentedly with his many animal friends. Then an African monkey appears seeking Dr. Doolittle's help in treating his cousins, who are afflicted with a terrible illness. Dr. Doolittle and his friends then set sail for Africa, with Colin now part of the story as his father's first mate.

Theatreworks/USA, based in New York City, is America's largest professional not-for-profit theatre for young and family audiences, touring approximately 16 shows annually.

Tickets are $8 for children, students, and senior citizens, and $10 for adults. They may be purchased online or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333. The Kelsey Theatre is located on the college's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR US: Yolibet Varela of New York City, left, will star as Maria with Cameron Smith of Caldwell, N.J. as Tony in Boheme Opera's production of "West Side Story," scheduled for two matinee performances April 12 and 13 at Patriots Theater at the War Memorial in Trenton. The musical theater classic was written by Arthur Laurents, with music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and choreography by Jerome Robbins. Featuring a cast of 35, the Patriots Theater production will be accompanied by the Boheme Opera Orchestra with stage direction and choreography by American Repertory Ballet's artistic director Graham Lustig. Performances will be Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m., with a pre-curtain talk at 12:45 p.m., and Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m., with a pre-curtain talk at 1:45 p.m. Tickets range from $28 to $73, available from the Boheme box office at (609) 581-7200.

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SHHHH: George Hartpence, left, and Carol Thompson are co-starring in the Actors' NET of Bucks County production of Edmond Rostand's heroic comedy "Cyrano de Bergerac," at the Heritage Center, 635 North Delmorr Avenue in Morrisville, Pa. The title character, played by Mr. Hartpence, is a swashbuckling member of the French Guard who loves Roxanne, played by Ms. Thompson, Mr. Hartpence's wife in real life. Translated and adapted for the stage by Anthony Burgess, the comedy will run through April 20, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults, $17 for seniors, and $10 for children. For reservations, call (215) 295-3694.

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CINEMA REVIEW

Leatherheads

Clooney, Zellweger in Screwball Comedy Set in the Roaring Twenties

It is the height of the Roaring Twenties, an era generally associated with overindulgence and excessive exuberance in spite of Prohibition. The decade also witnessed the introduction of professional football in America. As the film opens, we meet Jimmy "Dodge" Connelly (George Clooney) who is the owner, captain, and coach of the Duluth Bulldogs.

While most folks fail to see much of a future in a game that is played on turnip fields by miners, farmers, and World War I veterans, Dodge can foresee the fledgling league's potential as a popular spectator sport.

In addition, the aging athlete is still a kid at heart who would like to continue playing indefinitely, regardless of how old he is.

However, the Bulldogs have more of a reputation for brawling in speakeasies than for greatness on the gridiron, and so they find themselves without a sponsor and teetering on the brink of bankruptcy. In order to save his team from financial collapse, Connelly comes up with an inspired idea that he hopes will increase the teams's box-office receipts.

He plans to offer a record-setting contract to Princeton University graduate Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski), provided the football star abandons his plans to attend Yale Law School and instead becomes a professional player. In addition, Carter is a celebrated World War I hero who allegedly captured a platoon of German soldiers single-handedly during the Battle of the Argonne Forest in Northern France.

RAH, RAH, SIS BOOM BAH!: Ambitious investigative reporter (Renée Zellweger) takes a break from her muckraking investigations to cheer on her favorite football team the Duluth Bulldogs.

Carter signs up and, sure enough, the gamble works. Sportswriters covering the Bulldogs begin writing articles recounting the veteran's exploits and enormous crowds start flocking to the team's games. However, a fly in the ointment appears when Lexie Littleton (Renée Zellweger), an ambitious investigative journalist, arrives on the scene.

She suspects that the patriot's war record might have been a bit embellished, so she sets about doing a little digging to uncover the truth. To complicate matters, she finds herself involved in a love triangle when she is being pursued by both Carter and Dodge.

Written and directed by George Clooney, *Leatherheads* is an old-fashioned screwball comedy cut from the mold of a Preston Sturges farce. Half slapstick, half romantic romp, the picture is at its best in the scenes that feature a witty exchange of repartee between Clooney and Zellweger. Reminiscent of Tracy and Hepburn, the two Academy Award-winners generate an endearing chemistry between themselves on the screen.

If the rest of the script had measured up to their inspired exchanges, the movie might have been more than a momentary diversion. Instead, what we have is a pleasant period piece harking back to days of yore, but one so superficial that it's likely to be forgotten by the time you leave the theater.

Good (★★). Rated PG-13 for brief profanity. Running time: 114 minutes. Studio: Universal Pictures.

—Kam Williams

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21 (PG-13 for violence, sexuality and partial nudity). Vegas casino caper recalls the real-life exploits of a quintet of card-counting MIT students who, with the help of their math professor (Kevin Spacey), beat the house for millions in winnings. Cast includes Kate Bosworth, Laurence Fishburne, Jim Sturgess and Aaron Yoo.

10,000 B.C. (PG-13 for action violence). Peripatetic prehistoric adventure about a brave young warrior (Steven Strait) who leads a tight-knit band of brothers on an epic journey to the ends of the Earth to rescue the love of his life (Camilla Belle) from the clutches of the warlike tribe who kidnapped her during a raid of their village.

The Band's Visit (PG-13 for brief profanity). Cross-cultural comedy about the hijinks which ensue when an Egyptian police orchestra gets lost on its way to a concert in Israel and ends up stranded in a tiny town where everybody learns a touching lesson in tolerance. (In Arabic, Hebrew and English with subtitles)

The Bank Job (R for profanity, sexuality, nudity and violence). Jason Statham stars in this action thriller about a struggling car dealer duped by a fetching femme fatale (Saffron Burrows) with a hidden agenda into hatching a plan to burglarize a London bank's safe deposit boxes containing not only millions in cash and jewelry but a treasure trove of dirty secrets.

College (R for pervasive sexuality and crude humor, nudity, profanity, and drug and alcohol abuse). End-of-innocence comedy revolving around three high school seniors (Drake Bell, Kevin Covais and Andrew Caldwell) who enjoy a wild weekend at a raucous fraternity house during their visit to a prospective college.

The Caunterfeiters (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, and violence). True World War II tale of survival, set in a Nazi concentration camp, about a master counterfeiter (Karl Markovics) forced to ply his trade to flood the market with the currency of the countries fighting Hitler and thereby devalue their money. In German with subtitles.

Drillbit Taylor (PG-13 for bullying, sexual references, profanity, crude humor, and partial nudity). Owen Wilson handles the title role in this revenge comedy as a down on his luck soldier of fortune hired by three freshmen (Troy Gentile, Nate Hartley, and David Dorfman) to protect them from the high school bully (Alex Frost).

Hortan Hears a Who (G). Jim Carrey provides the voiceover for the title character in this animated adaptation of the Dr. Seuss kiddie classic about an elephant determined to come to the assistance of the inhabitants of a tiny planet when he hears cries for help coming from a speck of dust floating through the air. Voice cast includes Steve Carrell, Carol Burnett, Jonah Hill, Jamie Pressly, SNL's Amy Poehler, Isla Fisher, Will Arnett and Seth Rogen.

Leatherheads (PG-13 for brief profanity). George Clooney directed and stars in this romantic comedy, set in 1925, as the owner/captain of a fledgling pro football franchise who finds himself competing with the decorated World War I hero (John Krasinski) he's just signed for the affections of a skeptical sports reporter (Renee Zellweger) covering the team.

Married Life (Unrated). Romantic triangle thriller, set in the Forties, revolving around a middle-aged adulterer (Chris Cooper) impatient to enjoy his 30 years-younger mistress (Rachel McAdams) who opts to murder rather than divorce his wife (Patricia Clarkson). With Pierce Brosnan as the pal with possibly less than honorable intentions.

Meet the Browns (PG-13 for profanity, violence, mature themes, sexual references, and drug use). Tyler Perry wrote, directed and reprises his cross-dressing role as Madea in this adaptation of his play about a single-mom (Angela Bassett) who moves her family from Chicago to Georgia for the funeral of the father she never met. Cast includes Rick Fox, Frankie Faison, Jenifer Lewis, and Tamela and David Mann.

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13 for sexual innuendo and partial nudity). Frances McDormand stars in the title role of this romantic comedy, adapted from Winifred Watson's 1938 novel of the same name, about an unfairly-fired British nanny who tries a new line of work as the social secretary of an American starlet (Amy Adams).

Nim's Island (PG for mild action and brief epithets). Fanciful family adventure about a young girl (Abigail Breslin) with an active imagination who enlists the assistance of her favorite author (Jodie Foster) and fictional hero (Gerard Butler) in finding her father, a scientist who has gone missing on a magical island.

Priceless (PG-13 for nudity and sexuality). Audrey Tautou stars in this French farce as a scheming gold digger in search of a wealthy sugar daddy who seduces a shy bartender (Gad Elmaleh), mistakenly believing him to be a multi-millionaire. (In French with subtitles.)

Pram Night (PG-13 for violence, terror, sexuality, profanity and underage drinking). Remake of 1980 slasher flick about a group of teenagers who share a dark, childhood secret which comes back to haunt them when a sadistic killer bent on revenge starts stalking them during their senior prom. Cast includes Brittany Snow, Johnathon Schaech and Jessica Stroup.

The Ruins (R for nudity, sexuality, profanity, graphic violence and gruesome images). Hardcore horror flick about four Americans friends (Jena Malone, Shawn Ashmore, Jonathan Tucker and Laura Ramsey) vacationing in Cancun who are persuaded by a German tourist (Joe Anderson) to join in the search for his missing brother amidst the ruins of an archaeological dig located in a remote Mexican jungle.

Run, Fatbay, Run (PG-13 for crude humor, profanity, sexuality, nudity and smoking). David Schwimmer makes an impressive directorial debut with this romantic comedy about a chubby loser (Simon Pegg) looking for a second chance to impress the ex-fiancée (Thandie Newton) he'd abandoned at the altar on their wedding day five years ago after getting cold feet because she was pregnant. Supporting cast includes Hank Azaria, Harish Patel and India de Beaufort.

Shine a Light (PG-13 for smoking, drug use and brief profanity). Martin Scorcese directs this concert flick featuring the Rolling Stones, shot in 2006 at New York's Beacon Theater before an audience which included Bill and Hillary Clinton. With appearances by bluesman Buddy Guy and pop diva Christina Aguilera.

Shutter (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, terror, and disturbing images). English language remake of the Thai horror film of the same name about newlyweds (Joshua Jackson and Rachael Taylor) honeymooning in Tokyo who start discovering disturbing images in the photographs they take after their car hits a girl in a fatal traffic accident on Mt. Fuji.

Smart Peaple (R for profanity, sexuality, and brief teen drug and alcohol abuse). Dysfunctional family comedy about a widowed professor (Dennis Quaid), raising an emotionally-distant son (Ashton Holmes) and a wisecracking daughter (Ellen Page) alone, whose fortunes change when he crosses paths with a seductive former student (Sarah Jessica Parker) at about the same time his down-on-his-luck brother (Thomas Haden Church) arrives in town unannounced and needing a place to stay.

Stap-Loss (R for graphic violence and pervasive profanity). Iraq War saga about the emotional toll exacted on an honorably-disharged veteran (Ryan Phillippe) and his family when he is ordered by the Army to return to Baghdad for another tour of duty. With Rob Brown, Channing Tatum and Ciaran Hinds.

Superhero Movie (PG-13 for profanity, sexuality, crude humor, slapstick violence and drug references). Leslie Nielsen, Tracy Morgan and Pamela Anderson are among the large ensemble cast in this parody of the superhero genre which satirizes a host of comic book screen adaptations incfuding Fantastic Four, X-Men, Spider-Man and Batman.

Under the Same Maan (PG-13 for mature themes). Immigration saga about a nine year-old Mexican boy (Adrian Alonso) who, following the death of his grandmother (Angelina Pelaez), crosses the border into the U.S. to search for his mom (Kate def Castillo) in L.A., unaware that she's already planning to return home to be with him. Supporting cast incfudes America Ferrara. (In Spanish and English with subtitles).

—Kam Williams

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Casaceli Keeps Up Clutch Scoring As No. 2 PU Women's Lax Tops Yale

Christine Casaceli proved to be a solid contributor in her first two seasons with the Princeton University women's lacrosse team.

As a freshman in 2006, Casaceli scored 11 points on nine goals and two assists. Last year, she showed gradual improvement, notching 23 points with 14 goals and nine assists.

This spring, however, Casaceli has taken her game to a new level, emerging as one of Princeton's go-to offensive players by scoring 17 goals in the Tigers' first eight games.

Last Saturday, Casaceli added another chapter to her remarkable spring, scoring three goals as Princeton overcame an early 2-0 deficit against visiting Yale and went on to a 9-6 win over the Bulldogs.

Casaceli, who also added an assist in the win, now leads Princeton with 20 goals and is tied with Ashley Amo for the team lead in points with 27.

Sparked by Casaceli's dramatic improvement in production, Princeton has shot to No. 2 in the national polls and is now 9-0 overall and 3-0 in Ivy League play.

The junior attacker from Longmeadow, Mass. acknowledged that it took Princeton a while to solve the Yale defensive approach.

"They play a different defense than we usually see, they play a sag defense and our attack wasn't really clicking at first," said Casaceli.

"I think that we all stuck together and that's what let us rise above any difficulties that we had in the first half."

Casaceli credits her rise up the Princeton scoring ladder to the team's balance.

"I think that for me personally, it's just been my teammates," asserted Casaceli.

"We just have such a balanced attack, everybody is really moving and working for each other. It has really opened up a lot for me; I think that has really helped me out."

Putting in some extra work on her skills has also helped Casaceli out.

"I did a lot of work with the coaches in the offseason to get my game back to where it needed to be," said Casaceli. "It has all really clicked for me this year."

FULL SPEED AHEAD: Princeton University women's lacrosse star Kristin Schwab races up the field in a game earlier this season. After suffering a season-ending knee injury in 2006, junior midfielder Schwab is back at full speed. Last Saturday, she had a goal and an assist in Princeton's 9-6 victory over Yale. Princeton, now 9-0 overall and 3-0 in Ivy League action, plays at Harvard on April 12. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Things clicked like never before for Casaceli when she scored the game-winning goal with 2.7 seconds left in an 8-7 thriller over the then-No. 2 Virginia on March 22.

"I've had some game winners before but I have not had any in a game so momentous as that," said Casaceli who converted a sweet feed from freshman Lizzy Drumm on that goal.

"It was the first time we have beaten Virginia in the regular season since I have been here."

While Casaceli was proud to get that goal, she saw it as another example of the team's unselfishness.

"I think again that was an awesome decision by Lizzy behind the cage; a freshman was in that situation with the ball and had that kind of composure to see me moving in there," said Casaceli.

"I think that just goes to show the kind of attack we are this year, every single person has the capability of making decisions that the players need to have. You really can count on everyone. I think that's something I've never felt before on a team. I'm just as sure with one person having the ball as with another."

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT: Princeton University women's lacrosse star Christine Casaceli heads to goal in recent action. Last Saturday, junior attacker Casaceli scored three goals to help second-ranked Princeton top Yale 9-6 and improve to 9-0. After scoring a total of 22 goals in her first two seasons with the Tigers, Casaceli has registered a team-high total of 20 so far this spring. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Princeton head coach Chris Sailer acknowledged that the Princeton attack was playing a bit unsure in the early stages of the Yale game.

"We didn't do a great job of creating as much space as we would have liked or controlling the tempo and really working for better opportunities," said Sailer, who got a goal apiece from Kristin Schwab, Holly McGarvie, Ashley Amo, Allison Murray, Katie Lewis-Lamonica, and Kristin Morrison in the win over Yale

"That really worked against us early. We went for first looks and forced things instead of just really moving the ball consistently, quickly and strongly."

Sailer wasn't surprised to see Casaceli come through once again for the Tigers.

"Cas has had a great season," said Sailer. "It's awesome to see her really coming into her own this year. She has become a really big goal scorer for us. She's solid around the cage, she knows how to fake the goalie and find the opening. She's a big scorer."

Princeton got a big all-around game from junior midfielder and co-captain Katie Cox, who was named the Ivy League Defensive Player of the Week after helping to hold Yale's top scorer Kat Peetz without a point.

"Coxie always gives us a terrific job all over the field," asserted Sailer, whose defense limited Yale to three goals in the first 53 minutes of the contest.

"She is just so solid, her one-on-ones, her slides, her communication, her ability to transition the ball and her speed. In the transition defense, if we get a man down, she has the ability to be able to hustle back and create plays."

Sailer knew that Princeton was going to have to hustle to come out with the win over a Yale program that had beaten the Tigers twice in the previous five seasons.

"Yale has been a tough competitor for us these last few years," said Sailer, whose team faces another arch rival this Saturday when it plays at Harvard.

"They really have a solid squad with some pretty incredible players in [Lauren] Taylor and [Jenn] Warden. We knew they were going to be a lot to handle. We're glad to get the win."

Casaceli, for her part, believes that handling such challenges will help the Tigers as they gird for another postseason run.

"The competition in the Ivies is definitely something special," said Casaceli. "Each team really believes that they can beat the team that comes in ranked higher. It's exciting. It's great to have these league games that are so competitive and hard fought. It really prepares us for the end of the season."

And with Casaceli proving herself to be something special, Princeton's season could last to the end of the NCAA tournament.

—Bill Alden

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PU Men's Lacrosse Falls at No. 1 Syracuse, Ivy Stretch Drive Holds Key to NCAA Hopes

Even though the Princeton University men's lacrosse team trailed top-ranked Syracuse by two goals at halftime last Saturday in the Carrier Dome, Tiger head coach Bill Tierney liked his team's position.

"With it 6-4, we felt we were right there," said Tierney. "We were in it, we had a good plan."

But things went downhill for the No. 14 Tigers after intermission. Syracuse scored the first two goals of the third period to push its advantage to 8-4.

Princeton fought back to make it 9-6 but then Syracuse scored with eight seconds remaining in the third period and never looked back on the way to a 13-6 triumph.

While Princeton lost 15 of 22 faceoffs on the day, Tierney didn't think that was the decisive factor in the game.

"In some regards, it was big but we weren't making enough defensive stops," said Tierney, whose team fell to 4-4 on the season with the loss.

"We knew we would lose the statistical battle but we didn't give up. We played really poorly defensively; we just created offense for them. It was a frustrating day."

The Tigers did get some offense from emerging freshman star Jack McBride, who tallied two goals for the second straight game.

"Jack is becoming a good player, he's one of the few guys on the team who runs past defenders," said Tierney of the Madison, N.J. native who now has 11 points this season on nine goals and two assists.

"He is composed out there, he doesn't get fazed. The other teams aren't sliding to him yet."

With four losses, Princeton knows it won't be able to slide into the NCAA tournament as at-large choice. In order to qualify for post-season play, Princeton will have to win the Ivy League title.

With a 1-0 record and all five of its remaining games against league foes, Princeton's fate is in its hands.

"Our NCAA tournament starts this week," said Tierney, whose team was slated to host Penn (5-3 overall, 3-1 Ivy) on April 8 before heading up to the Boston area for a clash at Harvard (4-4, 0-1 Ivy) on April 12.

"We've got to win these games to get in. If we stumble, we have to win every other game."

While Princeton has been plagued by inconsistency this season, Tierney believes his squad possesses the character to rise to the occasion.

"This is one of the best groups of kids that we have had," asserted Tierney. "There is clearly something missing, I'm just not sure what. They will try to respond and we will see if they are good enough."

—Bill Alden

BIG MAC: Princeton University men's lacrosse freshman star Jack McBride scoots around a defender in action earlier this season. Last Saturday, McBride tallied two goals but it wasn't enough as No. 14 Princeton fell 13-6 at top-ranked Syracuse to drop to 4-4 on the season. The Tigers' hopes of getting back to the NCAA tournament hinge on winning the Ivy League. Princeton took a 1-0 Ivy record into its league stretch drive which started with a home game against Penn on April 8 and will continue with a clash at Harvard on April 12.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Princeton Women's Open Crew Starts 4-0 But Has Plenty of Room for Improvement

Two weekends ago, the Princeton University women's open crew varsity boat opened its spring season by topping No. 3 Brown and Michigan State on Lake Carnegie.

Last Saturday, Princeton's top boat built on its opening day heroics by cruising to a win over Columbia and Rutgers.

While Princeton has climbed to No. 5 in the national rankings, longtime Tiger head coach Lori Dauphiny isn't getting carried away by her crew's solid start.

"It is a young group with a small senior class," said Dauphiny, who guided the Tigers to the NCAA title in 2006 and is in her 12th year at the helm of the Princeton open program.

"I was pleased with the result in the first race but I remain cautious and conservative about this group. I thought we made progress last weekend."

The driving force in Princeton's progress this spring has been senior captain Kristin Haraldsdottir, the last rower remaining from the undefeated 2006 boat.

"Kristin is definitely a powerful presence; she leads by example," asserted Dauphiny of the Rochester, Minn. native.

"She pushes the team; she has been our best performer by far. She sets the bar high; she sits in the stroke seat so she is even more visible. I'm hoping she will rub off on the younger rowers."

Dauphiny believes she has some young rowers with talent.

"Lauren Wilkinson a freshman from Canada, she was a single sculler who represented Canada in the junior worlds last year in China," said Dauphiny, who has also been using freshmen Michaela Strand and Emily Reynolds in her top boat.

"She is a good kid; she has plenty to learn but she has been really improving."

The key to Princeton's improvement this season may come down to a trio of juniors, Annie Gayman, Michelle King, and Alison Fishman.

"All three were on the U.S. junior team in high school," said Dauphiny.

"Michelle and Allison were scullers who have made a good transition to the sweep. They are the group that could learn the most from Kristin; they are not quite there yet. We have a ways to go."

Notwithstanding her early-season pessimism, Dauphiny thinks her top boat could go far this spring.

"Our goal is to win the Ivy League and qualify for the NCAAs," said Dauphiny, whose team heads up to Boston this Saturday to take on Harvard and Cornell.

"If we are at the same speed in six weeks that we are now, we're going to be in trouble. If we continue to improve and grow, we can make those goals."

—Bill Alden

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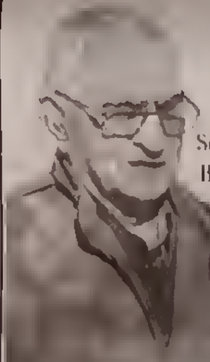
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PU Sports Roundup

Princeton Baseball Splits with Brown, Yale

Senior star Spencer Lucian had a big day as the Princeton University baseball team split a doubleheader at Brown last Sunday.

The Tigers dropped the opener 2-1 as Lucian drove in Princeton's lone run. In the nightcap, Lucian had three hits and three RBIs while Jon Broscious clubbed a two-run homer as Princeton won 14-11.

On Saturday, Princeton split a doubleheader at Yale, losing 3-2 in the opener before rebounding for an 8-5 win in Game 2.

In upcoming action, Princeton, now 12-14 overall and 4-4 in the Ivy League, has doubleheaders at Columbia on April 12 and 13 before hosting Seton Hall for a single game on April 15.

The Princeton baseball team split its Ivy League doubleheader at Brown on Sunday, dropping a pitcher's duel 2-1 in the first game and winning a 14-11 slugfest in the nightcap. Senior Spencer Lucian drove in four runs in the two games.

Tiger Track Teams Excel at Howell Meet

The Princeton University men's track team produced several fine performances last weekend as it hosted the Sam Howell Invitational at Weaver Track.

Four Tiger field athletes earned NCAA regional qualifying marks and several others excelled on the track.

Two Princeton hammer throwers had excellent days, posting regional qualifying marks. Craig Pearce had a toss of 198 feet, 10 inches, to meet the standard while Alex Pessala had a throw of 197 feet, two inches.

Shot putter Eric Plummer had the best collegiate throw on the day with an outstanding toss of 56 feet, 8¾ inches, well past the regional qualifying standard. In the pole vault, senior Will Byrd hit the regional mark on the nose with a leap of 16 feet, 6¾ inches; Chad Faulkner was second at the meet with a vault of 16 feet, 2¾ inches.

On the track, Tom Zozokos outclassed the field in the 400 meter hurdles with an outstanding winning time of 52.84 seconds. In Saturday's 1,500 meters, Ben White led the field with a time of 3:58.27, one of two runners in the field to finish under four minutes.

Two other Tigers were the top collegiate athletes in their respective events on Saturday. Duane Hynes competed in the long jump and had a mark of 23 feet, six inches, easily the best collegiate mark of the day. In the 100 meters, Shafiq Kashmiri ran a 10.98 to finish tops among college runners; Ray Simnick's 11.09 was fourth.

Justin Frick won the high jump competition for Princeton with a mark of 6 feet, 8¾ inches.

The Princeton women's team also performed well at the Howell meet, winning two events with several other athletes coming up big.

In the 1,500 meters, Princeton finished one-two as Liz Bergold took first with teammate Karen Aherne right behind.

Freshman Isabell von Loga had an outstanding toss of 46 feet, 10 inches to win the shot put competition Saturday.

Back on the track, freshman Bianca Mathabane had the third-best collegiate time in the 100-meter hurdles Saturday with a time of 14.73 seconds. In the triple jump, Bianca Williams' leap of 36 feet, 6¾ inches was the fourth-best on the day.

Leanne Bellar's time of 57.62 seconds was good for the fifth-best time in the 400 meters while freshman and former Princeton High star Libby Bliss ran a 2:15.60 in the 800 meters to finish eighth in a field that was tightly bunched.

The Princeton men's team will next be in action when it hosts a quad-meet with Penn, Villanova, and Rutgers on April 12 while the Tiger women will compete in a tri-meet at Yale with Penn.

PU Women's Water Polo Posts Big Weekend

Senior star Claire Jacobson led the way as the Princeton University women's water polo team topped George Washington 15-6 last Sunday.

Jacobson scored three goals to pace the Tiger offense as nine players scored in the win.

Princeton jumped out to a 3-1 lead after a quarter and continued to build its lead throughout the game on its way to its highest goal total of the season. The Tigers led 7-3 at the half and 9-5 after three quarters before scoring six times in the final frame.

On Saturday, Princeton picked up two one-goal wins, edging Bucknell 7-6 in the afternoon and then rallying for a 10-9 win against Maryland in the evening.

In upcoming action, the Tigers, now 15-9 overall and 3-1 in the CWPA Southern Division, play at Maryland on April 12 and at George Washington on April 13.

PU Men's Heavyweights 2nd in San Diego Regatta

The Princeton University men's heavyweight crew made its 2008 trip to the San Diego Crew Classic an impressive one.

Despite qualifying for Sunday's Copley Cup final with the sixth-best time, Princeton improved five spots to finish second overall in a loaded field.

Defending national champion Washington won the event, but Princeton topped the likes of Harvard, Stanford and Cal in the final; all three of those teams placed in the top five at the 2007 IRA championships.

Washington clocked a time of 5:39.90 with Princeton second in 5:41.80 while Harvard took third in 5:43.89. California placed fourth in 5:44.15 and Northeastern took fifth in 5:44.18.

Princeton will make a much shorter road trip next weekend. The Tigers will head down to the Schuylkill River to compete for the Childs Cup against Penn and Columbia. The Tigers retained the Childs Cup, the nation's oldest intercollegiate racing trophy, last year.

PU Women's Lightweight Cruises Past MIT

The top-ranked Princeton women's lightweight crew built on its strong opening weekend at the Windermere Cup Classic by cruising past MIT Saturday morning at Lake Carnegie.

The unbeaten first varsity moved to 4-0 on the season by topping MIT by more than 20 seconds. The first varsity won in 7:14.9, topping MIT's time of 7:36.8.

The Princeton women's lightweights are next in action when they row at Central Florida on April 12.

Tiger Men's Lightweight Has Strong Home Opener

The Princeton men's lightweight crew made its home opener a successful one by topping Columbia and Georgetown to retain the Fosburgh Cup last Saturday on Lake Carnegie.

Princeton's top boat improved to 2-1 overall as it posted a winning time of 6:25.1. Georgetown finished second in 6:34.9 with Columbia next in 6:37.6.

Princeton is off next weekend and will next be in action when it hosts Cornell and Rutgers on April 19.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS: Princeton University sophomore pitcher Jamie Lettire uncorks a pitch in action last spring. Lettire's work on the mound and the plate has helped Princeton get off to an 8-0 start in Ivy League play this spring. Last weekend, she helped Princeton sweep Yale and Brown, hitting .571 with two homers at the plate and picking up a win and a save on the mound. Princeton, now 11-17 overall, hosts Rutgers for a doubleheader on April 9 before heading to New York City for doubleheaders at Columbia on April 12 and 13.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

REACHING OUT: Princeton University women's hockey star Liz Keady assumes a defensive stance in a game during her stellar career. Senior forward Keady was named last week as the winner of the 2008 Sarah Devens Award. Given as a joint award between ECAC Hockey and Hockey East, the Devens Award is presented annually to a player who "demonstrates leadership and commitment both on and off the ice." Keady, a native of Braintree, Mass., finished her Princeton career with 79 points. She scored 19 points in her senior campaign while playing most of the season with four fractures in one foot and a bad back. Off the ice, Keady has been involved in numerous activities. She is an active member of IACT, an initiative for athletes to raise money for local charities by finding jobs for teams on campus. Keady has been a contributor and organizer of such programs as Toys for Tots and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Keady also has organized hockey-related programs such as Skills N' Drills, and taught power skating and stick handling skills.

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With Seniors Blocking Out Distractions, PHS Boys' Tennis Looking Formidable

There are plenty of distractions that can befall high school students in the spring of their senior year; from college choices, to the prom, to graduation celebrations.

With the Princeton High boys' tennis team featuring five seniors in its seven-player lineup, PHS head coach Sarah Heyman is hoping that her veterans can keep their focus when they are on the court.

"I hope the reality of what we could do will sink in," said Heyman, who guided the Little Tigers to a 17-4 record and another appearance in the Central Jersey Group III sectional final.

"This group has been together for four years, they have all come into their own. We did really well last year and some of the other teams have lost people."

If the first week of the season is any indication, PHS seems bent on being a dominant team this spring. The Little Tigers have produced a 3-0 start, winning each match by 5-0 scores with the latest whitewash coming in a win over Hopewell Valley last Monday.

DOUBLE PLAY: Princeton High boys' tennis doubles player Ben Weingarten slashes a forehand in action last year. Senior star Weingarten and classmate Ari Silver have teamed up again at first doubles this spring and have helped PHS produce a 3-0 start. In upcoming action, PHS plays at Nottingham on April 9, hosts Notre Dame on April 11, and then plays at Delbarton on April 12 and at Allentown on April 14. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

The top of PHS' lineup features two battle-hardened seniors, Matt Ullmann at first singles and David Zheng at second singles.

"Matt is playing well, he is hitting the ball deep and moving it around the court," said Heyman, who is using talented sophomore Kevin Cen at third singles.

"He is using all aspects of his game. David is looking good, all of the guys have worked hard."

Another pair of seniors, Ben Weingarten and Ari Silver, figure to be a force for PHS at first doubles.

"It should be a strong point for us," said Heyman, referring to her first doubles pair. "Ben and Ari have played a year together. Ari is really consistent and Ben will play up to the level of his partner."

A fifth senior, James Smits, is rounding out the PHS lineup, playing with sophomore Aaron Wishnick at second doubles.

While Heyman is wary of making predictions, she feels her seniors could go out with a bang.

"This could be our best year in a while," said Heyman, whose team was slated to play at Nottingham on April 9, host Notre Dame on April 11, and then play at Delbarton on April 12 and at Allentown on April 14.

"I always have high expectations but I will let the guys' performances speak for themselves. We have a good shot at a great season, the guys are veterans and they have worked hard for four years. I hope they do some great things this season."

—Bill Alden

Featuring a Core of Senior Standouts, PHS Boys' Golf Aims to Keep Winning

The last few years have been a golden era for the Princeton High boys' golf program.

Last spring, PHS won the state Group III title and finished second overall in the Tournament of Champions (TOC). The Little Tigers went 14-1 on the season and won the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) team title along the way.

The accomplishments last spring marked the latest chapter in a success story that has seen PHS win four MCT titles in the last six seasons and advance to three straight TOC competitions.

Longtime PHS head coach Sheryl Severance acknowledged that the team feels the weight of its recent achievements.

"We have a well-established, successful team and they want to keep that going," said Severance, who is in her 16th season guiding the Little Tigers.

Before the season started, PHS put in the work to make it sharp right from the start of the spring.

"We were down in North Carolina, playing in Pinehurst, staying at the Country Club of North Carolina," said Severance. "We made lots of progress, we did a lot of chipping, putting, and range work."

That work has paid off in the early going for PHS as it topped Lawrence 202-215 and Hopewell Valley 192-227 in its first two dual matches.

Last Monday, the Little Tigers placed sixth in the Cherry Valley Invitational as senior Will Madden led the way, carding an 80.

Severance expects Madden to be a key performer for the Little Tigers this spring.

"He's probably my No. 1; he brings consistency," said Severance referring to Madden.

"He's a very serious player, he works very hard. He's very even-tempered. He likes playing with the new guys, he's into rebuilding the team."

Two of PHS' other seniors, Curtis Smith and Jon Bichsel, bring different approaches to the table.

"Curtis is the fun guy on the team, he keeps everyone laughing," said Severance.

"He has a good game, last year things came together for him at the end of the season. Jon's dad and uncle are golf pros. He's very serious about the game, he takes everything very seriously. It is good for the younger guys."

One of the team's key younger guys figures to be freshman Fraser Graham, a star for the PHS boys' hockey team, and the younger brother of George Graham, a Little Tiger hockey and golf standout who graduated last spring.

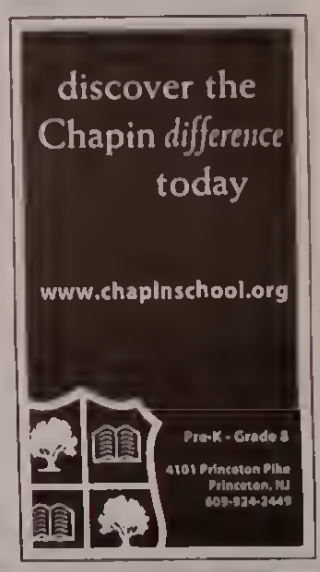
"He's a nice little player, he hits the ball straight down the fairway," said Severance, whose lineup will also include junior Brian Dunlap and senior Scott Gross.

While Severance isn't sure if this group can emerge as state champions, she believes it can produce a nice season.

"I know we are going to be competitive. I don't know who other teams lost," said Severance, whose team has a dual match with Hightstown at Peddie on April 9 before playing at Scotch Plains/Fanwood on April 10 and then hosting Allentown on April 15.

"We lost our No. 1 (Peter Teifer) and No. 3 (Graham) but the guys we have left are good. We don't have a lot of depth. I don't have the back-up guys that we have had in the past so the guys this year have to be on their game."

—Bill Alden



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PHS Baseball Off to Rocky Start, Needs to Sharpen Up Execution

The temperature was dipping into the mid-40s and the Princeton High baseball team was trailing visiting Hightstown by six runs heading into the bottom of the seventh inning last Thursday.

It would have been understandable if the PHS players had gone through the motions in their last at-bat with an eye to getting home and out of the cold.

But the Little Tigers didn't go out with a whimper. Senior star Chris Brooks led off with a single and ended up scoring when Hightstown misplayed a smash off the bat of Eric Hoffman. A double play, however, killed the rally as PHS fell 12-7 to the Rams.

In assessing the defeat which dropped his club to 0-2, PHS head coach Scott Goldsmith praised his team's battling spirit.

"We are always fighting," asserted Goldsmith, whose team dropped its season opener 9-3 to Lawrence the day before the Hightstown game.

"We just want to put ourselves where we are closer than we have been, being a run or two down rather than for or five. We are being aggressive at the plate too, we're swinging at it. We are making contact; we just have to put it in better spots."

With his team having been outscored 21-10 in the first two games, Goldsmith acknowledged that his team has been shaky in some fundamental areas.

"We've noticed a pattern with two problems right off the bat — we're walking way too many batters and we are leaving way too many guys on base," said Goldsmith.

"Yesterday and today we were in double digits in walks. We left 12 guys on yesterday and we were at least double digits again today. We get the bases loaded and we're not scoring the runs."

In the early stages of the Hightstown game, it looked like it was going to be a different story for the Little Tigers.

After giving up a hit and a walk in the top of the first, PHS ace Matt Alvarez struck out the side to get out of the jam unscathed. In the bottom of the first, Brooks stroked a two-run single to give the Little Tigers a 2-0 lead.

Things unraveled after that as Alvarez walked six in the top of the third in giving up six runs as the Little Tigers fell into a 6-2 hole from which they never recovered.

Alvarez gave up a run in the fourth before giving way to Matsu Shimamoto, who gave up five more. PHS scratched out a run in the fourth and two more in the fifth but couldn't get the big rally it needed.

While Goldsmith wanted to stick with Alvarez, he realized the junior hurler had run out of gas.

"The pitch count was getting up so we had to get somebody else in," said Goldsmith, whose team fell to 0-3 with an 11-1 loss to Hopewell Valley last Monday.

"The good thing right now is that we our keeping our errors down and we still want it bad."

In Goldsmith's view, taking an upbeat approach is the best way to keep his players from losing that desire.

"I first lay out the negative and then go right into the positives," said Goldsmith, whose team is slated to play at Nottingham on April 10, host Notre Dame on April 11, and then play at Trenton on April 15.

"We need to keep our heads up and know that there are 23 other games to go so we can definitely turn this around. We'll take these two losses, we are ready to play again. We have four games in the next week, that's a bunch. The pitching just has to step up a little bit."

—Bill Alden

LASHING OUT: Princeton High senior star Chris Brooks follows through on a swing last Thursday in PHS' 12-7 loss to visiting Hightstown. Brooks had two RBIs and two runs scored in the defeat. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PIVOT MAN: Princeton High senior infielder John Miranda looks to turn a double play in PHS' 12-7 loss to Hightstown last Thursday. In upcoming action, PHS, now 0-3 on the season, plays at Nottingham on April 10, hosts Notre Dame on April 11, and then plays at Trenton on April 15. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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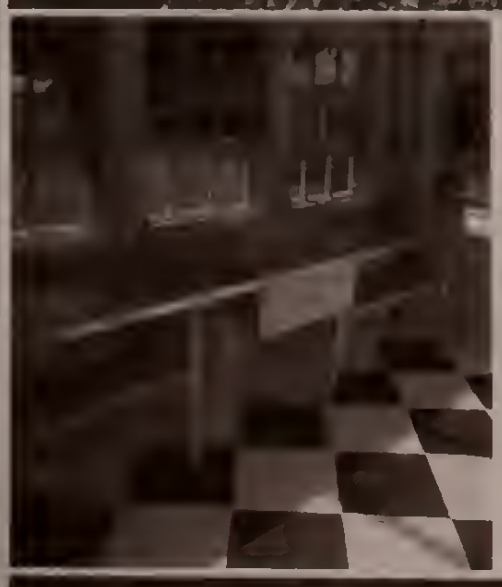

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Featuring Greater Offensive Punch, Hun Softball Hopes to Pull Surprises

Over the years, the staples for the Hun School softball program have been tight defense and solid pitching.

But as longtime Hun head coach Kathy Quirk looks at her 2008 squad, she sees some offensive punch to go along with the slick glovework and mound excellence.

"Our defense is well-drilled but the thing that is different is that we are hitting the ball," said Quirk, who is in her 32nd season running the program and guided Hun to a 9-5 season in 2007. "The kids have worked hard on the tee and in the batting cage."

Quirk's analysis proved correct right off the bat as Hun cruised to an 11-1 win over Hill last Wednesday in its season opener. The Raiders were led by freshman Meghan Hayes who pitched a three-hitter and drove in three runs with Alex Their knocking in two.

Hun's biggest offensive threat this spring figures to be senior star Morgan Cawley.

"I'm expecting big things from her; she hit over .500 last year with 18 hits, 3 homers, 5 triples, 4 doubles, and 15 RBIs," said Quirk, whose team's bats went quiet on April 3 as Hun lost 2-0 to WW/P-N. "She led off our Florida [preseason] trip with a HR. She's just really working hard."

The Cornell-bound Cawley should also help with defense and leadership.

"I moved her from third base to shortstop; she has size and range," said Quirk of the 5'11 Cawley who also starred for the Hun girls' basketball team.

"She is our only senior; she's been stepping it up leadership-wise. She's a quiet kid and she is leading by her action. I'm very pleased with her and she is pleased with herself. She knows what she has to do."

The Raiders will also be looking for big things from juniors Meg Scanlon and Their.

"Scanlon is our No. 1 catcher, she has done a great job," added Quirk. "Alex Their has a really good bat, she hit well in Florida."

Hun should have really good pitching again with the tandem of sophomore Ashley Hamilton and freshman Hayes.

"They are both young but they have experience; they have both played travel ball," said Quirk.

"They both worked out well over the winter, they have pitching coaches and they came into the season in good shape. I'm looking for big things from both of them. My goal is split time and have one pitch one game and the other pitch one game unless one is really overpowering. They work well together. It's good to have two pitchers. When you have one pitcher, there is a lot of pressure, not just physically but mentally."

The defense should be solid across the infield with sophomore Taylor Landis-Miller at first, Hayes at second, Cawley at shortstop, and Their at third. In the outfield, the starters should be sophomores Julia Anthony and Jackie Felker along with promising freshman Hailey Culhane.

Quirk, for her part, thinks the team has the kind of chemistry that could fuel a big spring.

"The attitude is good, they are having fun," said Quirk, whose team hosts Peddie on April 10 before playing at Hillsborough on April 12 and at Peddie on April 15.

"The pitchers need to throw strikes and have confidence in the defense to field the ball; we can't defend against walks. We have to have self-belief. We are young but we have some talent. I think we are going to win some games that people don't expect."

—Bill Alden

POWER SOURCE: Hun School softball star Morgan Cawley follows through on a swing earlier in her career. Coming off a 2007 season that saw her hit over .500 with 18 hits, 3 homers, 5 triples, 4 doubles, and 15 RBIs, senior shortstop Cawley figures to be Hun's main power source this spring. In upcoming action, Hun, off to a 1-1 start, hosts Peddie on April 10 before playing at Hillsborough on April 12 and at Peddie on April 15.

(Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

With Linville Taking Bigger Role on Offense, PDS Girls' Lacrosse Looks Dangerous Again

As the Princeton Day School girls' lacrosse team rolled into the state Prep A title game the last two seasons, Cammie Linville played a supporting role.

With such high-powered scorers as the graduated Katie Briody, Keely Langdon and the Crouse twins, Allie and Nina, together with current senior Hannah Epstein, Linville was not a go-to player for the Panthers.

But coming into the 2008 season, Linville knew she would have to take a much greater role in triggering the PDS offense.

"In my freshman and sophomore year, I think I had maybe 20 points combined so it wasn't really my job to score a lot," said Linville.

"We graduated seven seniors, the Crouses, Keely, and Katie; we lost pretty much most of our attack other than Hannah so I knew we had to step up. I think it will be easier now, knowing that I have to be seen as a scorer."

In the first week of the season, Linville assumed her new responsibility with aplomb, scoring four goals in PDS' 12-1 win over Blair in the season opener last Wednesday and then chipping in four more scores two days later as the Panthers fell 14-11 at WW/P-N.

The talented junior, who was the leading scorer last fall for the PDS girls' soccer team, admitted that she had some jitters before the Blair game.

"We were coming out not really knowing what was going to happen because we hadn't played Blair before," said Linville.

"I think most of us were pretty nervous because they are a really great athletic school. We don't know what to expect so after the first couple of minutes we knew that we were going to be ahead for a while so we worked on lots of our plays, trying to make sure that everyone was doing everything right."

For Linville, it isn't hard to get things right playing with fellow junior Mariel Jenkins and Epstein.

"It's pretty easy when I have Hannah Epstein and Mariel working with me," asserted Linville.

"Mariel and I play for the same Tri-State team. Hannah and I have a lot of plays together. So we work very well together the three of us; I think it really shows."

PDS head coach Jill Thomas is expecting Linville to be a catalyst for PDS this spring.

"We took Cammie and said you have to be the midfield connection and get it down the field," said Thomas after the win over Blair.

PDS has plenty of weapons at its disposal when it gets down the field.

"We can spread it out, we have a lot of players so they can have some fun with it and work together," added Thomas.

"Hannah had a beautiful feed down there in the second half; that was gorgeous, thread the needle. They are stand-out players. You look at Mariel, that's a player. We've got to have everybody."

In the opener, freshman Ali Frieder marked herself as yet another scoring option, scoring three goals in her first half of action.

Thomas said that Frieder is just one of the team's outstanding newcomers. "We've got six freshmen and a lot of talent in terms of athleticism," noted Thomas with a grin.

"Their potential is limitless, really. Who is going to be the one to step it up, I hope all of them, that's the idea. It's kind of exciting for them but there are going to be growing pains."

In Thomas' view, going through those pains should result in PDS growing into a formidable unit.

"I think we have really great team chemistry," said Thomas, whose team hosts Peddie on April 10 and Notre Dame on April 12 before going across Great Road to play Stuart on April 14.

"I think we have great leadership in Hannah, Erin [Burns], Alexa [Maher] as captains and that's filtered down to some juniors like Cammie and Mariel. Those upperclassmen are really helping those youngsters along. They are getting it. We have 12 people that play; we move the ball down the field as a unit."

Linville, for her part, thinks the Panthers are moving in the right direction.

"We started the season, I talked to the team and said that Mariel, Allison [Sorrentino], and I have only lost five games at PDS since we got on the team, it's pretty remarkable to be able to say that," recalled Linville.

"I told the team I really want to keep that up. As Coach Thomas says, it's not where you start, it's where you finish. If we keep winning, we can get there."

And with Linville starting things up on the attack, PDS should keep winning.

—Bill Alden

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Sparked by Hard-working Bucklee, Stuart Lacrosse Produces 2-1 Start

Even though Elizabeth Bucklee scored seven goals to lead the Stuart Country Day lacrosse team to a win over the George School (Pa.) last Friday, she wasn't all that pleased with her performance.

"I personally think I have to bring up my intensity on my redefending, that's one of my goals for the season," said the junior star in reflecting on her effort in Stuart's 20-10 win over the Cougars.

"I'm working on my defense, sticking hard, not going for the checks, going for the body, and being a more complete player."

Bucklee, though, was happy to see Stuart play a more complete game collectively as it rebounded from an 8-7 loss at Roxbury last Wednesday.

I think Roxbury was a big upset for us, I think it was a little shove in the behind to get it into gear, that we need to focus," said Bucklee.

BUCKLING DOWN: Stuart Country Day attacker Elizabeth Bucklee, left, races up the field in a 2007 game. Last Friday, Bucklee fired in seven goals to help Stuart top visiting George School (Pa.) 20-10. Stuart, now 2-1 on the season, plays at Princeton High on April 9 before hosting Hun on April 11 and Princeton Day School on April 14. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

RAMROD: Stuart Country Day lacrosse player Kelsey Semrod, left, chases down a ball in action last season. This past Friday, Semrod chipped in a goal and two assists as Stuart beat George school (Pa.) 20-10. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

"I think the main thing is just working as a team. We weren't in sync against Roxbury. It was just too much individual players, people just rushing. In this game we tried to settle it on attack, play better defense, and just work on our transitions."

The Stuart transition game on offense is sparked by the partnership between Bucklee and classmate Caroline Passano, who scored five goals and had six assists in the victory over George.

"We're good friends off the field so I think we like when we can make it work," said Bucklee, who chipped in two assists on Friday as the Tartans improved to 2-1 on the season.

"It's fun for us. We like making it work with the team too. That's one of our main goals, getting the team together this year."

The Tartans have plenty of weapons for Bucklee and Passano to work with in senior Kelsey Semrod, junior Jackie Radvany, and sophomores Kara Weeks and Amanda Curnan.

"They are great, they are really confident," said Bucklee referring to the quartet of Semrod, Radvany, Weeks, and Curnan.

"Everyone has grown this season. To come out this hard, it's been a lot of fun. Making it work is the best part; keeping our heads up and getting the ball."

Stuart head coach Sara Wagner liked the way her team worked against George as it recovered from a sloppy first half.

"The key for us in that game was the second half when we were patient on offense," said Wagner, whose team fell behind 2-0 in the early going and led by just 10-7 at halftime.

"They want to get down there and score right away but we realize how important it is that you don't do that, that you work the ball around, give the defense a break. If we do miss, the other team gets the ball in transition."

Wagner is pleased with the way Bucklee and Passano lead the transition. "They play together a lot, they are on Tri-State together," said Wagner, whose team plays at Princeton High on April 9 before hosting Hun on April 11 and Princeton Day School on April 14.

"With Caroline being injured, it kind of held Bucky back a little bit. Now Caroline got in a groove and they played better today."

Stuart, though, has a lot more on offense than the potent one-two punch of Bucklee and Passano.

"We have really balanced scoring," said Wagner, who got three goals from Radvany in the win over George with Curnan adding two and Semrod and Alex Abad chipping in one apiece.

"Kelsey is such a great passer. Curnan is really fast. We are also figuring out how best to use these guys. They are much more confident this year. Amanda was a freshman last year, we can put her at center and that frees up Caroline more to play more of an attack role. We're getting there. We are working towards that game when we just put it all together. They work hard, they want to do well."

The Stuart defense worked hard in the second half as it held George to three goals in the second half.

"I think we were eating the ball so much on defense in the first half because our attack wasn't recovering back," said Wagner, whose defensive unit is spearheaded by senior defenseman Katie Baker and sophomore goalie Dewi Caswell.

"We were a little slow getting started. Sarah Schulte is a great defender. She is very calm with good stickwork. She has a great shot."

Bucklee, for her part, thinks Stuart has a great shot at having a good spring as it chases a fourth straight state Prep B title.

"I think our offense has come out strong, we're hoping to continue to be a powerhouse up there but it starts with our defense," asserted Bucklee.

"They are going to be our rock this year; Dewi is great, Katie Baker is great. So it's just keeping up our intensity, I think it will all fall in place."

—Bill Alden

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Baseball: Clint O'Brien had a big day had as PDS topped Blair 7-3 last Monday. Senior star O'Brien pitched a three-hitter and hit a two-run homer as the Panthers improved to 3-0 on the season. In upcoming action, the Panthers host Pennington on April 9 before playing at Lawrenceville on April 11 and at Hopewell Valley on April 14.

Softball: Despite a fine mound effort from Jen Auerbach, PDS lost 2-1 at Blair last Monday. Auerbach surrendered just seven hits as the Panthers dropped to 1-2 on the season. PDS plays at Pennington on April 11 before hosting Timothy Christian on April 15.

D-TRAIN: Princeton High softball sophomore pitcher Deanna Boehm fires a pitch in PHS' 8-7 loss to visiting Hightstown last Thursday. Last Monday, the Little Tigers fell 8-3 at Hopewell Valley to drop to 0-3 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS plays at Nottingham on April 10, hosts Notre Dame on April 14, and then plays at Trenton on April 15. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Boys' Lacrosse: Sparked by Kevin Shannon and Ben Stadulis, PDS topped New Egypt 11-8 last Monday. Shannon tallied four goals while Stadulis added three as PDS moved to 2-0 on the season. The Panthers play at WW/P-S on April 9, host Pennington on April 11, and then play at Peddie on April 14.

Boys' Golf: John Inman fired a 76 to place fifth in the individual standings at the Cherry Valley Invitational last Monday. The Panthers have a home match with Blair on April 9.

Boys' Tennis: David Holland posted a win at first singles and Alvin Song followed suit at second singles but PDS couldn't win any of the other matches as it fell 3-2 to visiting Peddie last Monday. In upcoming action, PDS, now 0-1, hosts Pennington on April 9 before playing at the George School on April 11 and at the Princeton University JV on April 14.

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Girls' Lacrosse: McKenzie Henderson had a big day as PHS topped Ewing 18-9 last Monday. Freshman attacker Henderson scored four goals with Taylor Blair and Mie Graham chipping in three apiece. The Little Tigers, now 2-1 on the season, host Stuart on April 9, play at Hightstown on April 11, and then host WW/P-N on April 15.

Lawrenceville

Baseball: Lawrenceville had a tough day last Sunday, losing a doubleheader at Mercersburg. The Big Red fell 11-3 in the opener and then dropped an 11-0 decision in the nightcap. Lawrenceville, now 0-4 on the season, plays at Rancocas Valley on April 9 and hosts Princeton Day School on April 11, before playing at Blair on April 12 and at Steinert on April 14.

Boys' Lacrosse: Unable to overcome an early 3-0 deficit, Lawrenceville fell 5-4 to visiting LaSalle College High School (Pa.) last Sunday as it renewed the Lawrenceville School Boys' Lacrosse tournament after a six-year hiatus. Peter Schwartz had two goals to lead the Big Red, who fell to 3-1 with the defeat. Lawrenceville has games at Mercersburg Academy on April 9 and at Hunterdon Central on April 12.

Hun

Baseball: Led by a stellar pitching performance from David Putman, Hun edged Lawrenceville 1-0 last Thursday. Duke-bound Putman struck out 14 and gave up just two hits as Hun improved to 2-0 on the season. In upcoming action, Hun plays at the Pennington School on April 11 and at WW/P-S on April 14.

Girls' Lacrosse: Sparked by Sarah Appelt and Bridget Stinson, Hun won 16-13 over visiting Pingry last Monday. Appelt and Stinson each tallied four goals as the Raiders improved to 2-0 on the season. Hun hosts WW/P-N on April 9 before playing at Stuart on April 11 and Lawrenceville on April 15.

LORD GEOFF: Hun School boys' lacrosse defenseman Geoff Rogers runs up the field in action last season. Last Monday, Hun topped Academy of New Church 10-3 to improve to 3-1 on the season. The Raiders play at Peddie on April 9 before hosting Hopewell Valley on April 11 and Hillsborough on April 15.

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LEGAL FORUM

Look Before You Let Your Child Leap:

What You Need to Consider Prior to Allowing Your Child/ren to Relocate Overseas

In this ever increasing technological age, it is easier than ever to visit and communicate with people anywhere around the world. Technology is making the world around us appear smaller and is in turn making the ability to accept jobs overseas more commonplace. As a result of these employment opportunities overseas, parents who are separated and/or divorced generally have a big decision to make, do I allow my child/ren to relocate to another country? However, time and time again, individuals allow their child/ren to temporarily relocate to another country, without truly thinking about the legal ramifications of their decision. Unfortunately, many parents learn the hard way, after they allow their child/ren to leave the United States that they may have given up jurisdiction of any custody or support issues that may arise and they may find themselves on a plane to contest custody overseas.

Prior to allowing a child to relocate to another country, even if you have agreed with your former spouse that same will only be temporary in nature, it is imperative that you consult with an attorney to have this understanding memorialized in writing. However having your agreement drafted by an attorney is not nearly enough. Prior to your child relocating, your attorney must contact counsel in the new country to ascertain whether this agreement would be enforceable in the new country. If the agreement is not enforceable, it is crucial that the overseas attorney explain what words or phrases need to be placed into the agreement to ensure its enforceability. If the overseas attorney states that the agreement would not be enforceable under any circumstance, you must consider this prior to allowing your child to leave, with the understanding that your US order may not be enforceable once your child leaves. If the order would be enforceable in the new country, it would be advisable to have the consent order registered in the country where your child will be temporarily residing before they even leave the US.

If it is your intent to have your child return to the state in which you presently reside, it is important to spell out your intent clearly in the Consent Order. If during the period of time that your child is overseas, you also leave the state in which the agreement was made, you must understand that it will be difficult for that state to retain jurisdiction over your matter and you run the risk of losing jurisdiction to the overseas country. It will help your case slightly if you retain property, a driver's license, family, friends and the like in the state in which the order was filed. However, this is not a guarantee that the US will retain jurisdiction.

Generally, after your child has been absent from the jurisdiction of the USA for over 6 months, the US loses jurisdiction over the matter. If you plan on allowing your child to live in another country with your former spouse for over six months, you must consider this time limitation.

In any event it is important to be aware that the result of an international relocation may be different and fact-sensitive. A family law attorney will be able to guide you through your specific case to determine which action is appropriate for your particular situation. For more information on international relocation, contact a Riker Danzig Family Law attorney.

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PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Accepting Nominations

The Princeton High Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is currently accepting nominations for the induction of its fourth class.

Nomination forms can be obtained by going to the PHS website at www.prs.k12.nj.us and hitting the Athletics link or by calling Kathy Herzog in the PHS athletics office at (609) 806-4290.

The nomination forms must be returned by April 30.

Lawrenceville School Big Red Race May 4

The Lawrenceville School will be hosting its fifth annual Big Red Race on May 4.

The event features a five-kilometer run beginning at 10:15 a.m. which takes place on a fast, flat, twisting course in and around the Lawrenceville campus.

Children will race a variety of distances starting at 9 a.m. on the outdoor track of the school's Keuffel Stadium on the football field/track. All races will be held rain or shine.

All proceeds from the race go directly to support Lawrence Township children who have been selected to attend the Lawrenceville School Camp, a summer camp that has been enjoyed by underprivileged youths for more than a century.

Runners and spectators are encouraged to bring non-perishable, canned food donations for the Big Red Race's Food Drive in support of local community agencies fighting hunger in the Lawrence area. Last year, more than $8,000 to benefit the Camp, and 700 pounds of food to assist local families, was collected.

There is an $18 non-refundable pre-registration fee for adults ($20 for those who register on race day). Pre-registration for high school students is $10 ($15 for those who register on race day).

There is no fee for the children's races, but participants instead are asked to bring a non-perishable, canned food donation in lieu of the normal $5 entry fee. Food donation bags will be available for purchase on race day as well. All children will receive a finisher's medal and T-shirt.

For additional information and to register for the Big Red Race, log onto the Lawrenceville School website at www.lawrenceville.org and hit the Big Red Race link on the athletics page.

Senior Softball League Seeking Players

The Mercer Senior Softball Association is currently forming teams for its 2008 season.

There are Over-50 and Over-60 leagues which have openings for players. The leagues play at Mercer County Park and have games two evenings a week.

For more details on the program and registration, contact Richard Conti at (609) 586-4531.

Wood Bat League Registration Underway

The Garden State Baseball League will be offering its wood bat league again this year.

The program caters to middle school, high school, and college players ages 13 and up. The league begins play on June 1.

For more information on the program, call (732) 382-4610 or e-mail johngsbl@aol.com. Additional details are available online by logging onto www. Gardenstate-baseball.com.

Rec Department Hosting Hoops Camps

The Princeton Recreation Department is hosting two weeks of basketball camps for boys in this summer.

"Camp Carter" is open to students who will be entering grades 5 through 9 in September of 2008. Jason Carter, the Princeton High boys' basketball head coach, will serve as the Camp Director.

There are two one-week sessions of camp. The first week is from July 14-18 while the next session runs from August 4-8. The camp day goes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the instructional portion of the camp taking place between 1 and 3 each day. Campers have the option of coming to Community Park Pool at 3 each day and swimming until 5.

All camp sessions will take place at PHS' new gymnasium. Daily activities will include general skill work, live game play, 3-on-3 competition, 1-on-1 skill work, and much more. Campers will swim at Community Park Pool at the end of each camp day.

For more information, please visit the Rec Department website at www.princetonrecreation.com, or call the department office at (609) 921-9480. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website.

Piranhas Swimming Sharp at Jr. Olympics

The Princeton Piranha Swim Team concluded its 2007-08 season with a fine performance at the New Jersey Junior Olympic Championships held at Rutgers,

In the 13-14 girls, Carly Gurick placed 6th in the 200 backstroke and 8th in both the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley.

For the 13-14 boys, Douglas McCord was a standout as he placed 2nd in both the 100 and 500 freestyle races, 3rd in the 200 free, 1000 free, 200 IM and 400 IM, 4th in the 1650 free, and 5th in the 200 backstroke. Matt Kuhlik was 6th in the 50 free.

The 15 and over category saw Skye Kuseryk taking 7th in the 200 breaststroke while Greg Fat placed 6th in the 200 fly. Brandon Hullings finished 4th in the 200 fly and 8th in the 200 free. The 400 Medley Relay team of Jordan Lieberman, Greg Fat, Sandy August and Brandon Hullings earned a 6th place finish. Kuseryk, Alyssa Hullings, Lieberman and McCord earned a spot on the New Jersey Zone Team and will be competing in Buffalo, N.Y. next month.

Previously, the younger Piranhas swimmers enjoyed success in their end of season bronze and silver championship meets. For the 9-10 Piranhas, Amanda Cooleen placed 1st in the 100 free, 3rd in the 100 breast and 100 IM, 5th in the 200 free and 6th in both the 50 free and 50 breast. Ingrid Lillis was a 3rd place finisher in the 50 back and a 4th place finisher in both the 50 breast and the 100 back. Kate McCord was 6th in the 100 free and 8th in the 100 IM. Lindsay Ruddy finished 2nd in the 50 breast, while Hope Redmond placed 3rd in the 100 back and 100 IM, 4th in the 200 IM , 5th in the 100 fly and 8th in the 50 breast. For the 9-10 boys, Collin McManus was 4th in the 50 free and 7th in the 200 back, while Cole Valente finished 3rd in the 100 back and 5th in the 200 free.

The 11-12 Piranhas saw Miranda Ford take 1st in the 200 IM, 2nd in the 100 back, 6th in the 200 breast and 7th in the 100 breast. Carly Bornman placed 2nd in the 200 fly and 4th in the 100 free, while Shannon Kuseryk finished 3rd in the 100 free and 4th in the 100 back. Christle Samios earned points for the Piranhas as she placed 4th in the 100 back and 5th in the 200 free while teammate Campbell McDonald finished 7th in the 200 free and 8th in the 100 fly. Teo Fleming finished 1st in the 50 free and 100 back, 2nd in the 200 free, and 3rd in both the 100 and 500 free for the 11-12 Boys.

X-Cel Swimmers Star at Jr. Olympics

The Princeton-based X-Cel Swimming club came up big at the recently held New Jersey Junior Olympic Invitational Meet at Rutgers. X-Cel finished 5th place overall at Junior Olympics, fourth in the women's standings and eighth in the men.

X-Cel standouts at the meet included Rebecca Lewinson (age 15) and Megan Lydzinski (14) who earned U.S. Open and Junior National Times while breaking state record times.

Lewinson, now ranked 2nd in the U.S. for 15 year old 200 breaststroke, clocked a time of 2:16.48 in the event. Lydzinski is now ranked fifth in the U.S. for the 14 year old 100 freestyle, an event in which she broke a 20-year-old New Jersey State record with a time of 50.91. She is ranked 9th in the U.S. for the 14 year old 50 free. Patrick Park (12), meanwhile, won all 9 events in which he swam.

In the 10-and-under girls, Samantha Chan (10) placed 3rd in the 50 breast and 4th in the 100 breast. Cynthia Wu (10) placed 5th in the 100 butterfly and 8th in the 50 fly.

As for the 10-and-under boys, Allan Wang (10) won the 100 individual medley, 100 fly and 50 fly. He placed 2nd in the 100 backstroke, 3rd in the 200 IM 4th in the 100 breast, 5th in the 50 free, and 6th in the 50 breast.

In the 12-and-under girls, Serena Deardorff (12) placed 2nd in the 100 fly, 3rd in the 50 fly, and 5th in the 200 fly. Aleksa Lapinas (12) won the 100 free, placed 2nd in the 50 breast, 100 IM, and 50 free (25.92). She took 4th place in the 200 free and 100 breast. She took 6th in the 50 fly and 200 breast.

In the 12-and-under boys, Park was the dominant performer. He won the 400 IM, 50 breast, 100 fly, 100 IM, 200 breast, 200 fly, 200 IM, 100 breast and 50 fly.

In the 14-and-under girls, Julia Cunningham (13) took 7th place in the 200 fly. Lydzinski won the 50 free and 100 free, placed 2nd in the 200 free and the 100 breast, and placed 5th in the 200 IM. Jocelyn Yuen (13) placed 3rd in the 100 fly, 4th in the 200 breast, 5th in the 100 breast, and 7th in the 200 IM. Anna Marshall (14) won the 100 breast (1:08.57) and placed 2nd in the 200 breast.

As for the 14-and-under boys, Daniel Druckman (14) placed 6th in the 100 back.

In the 15-and-over senior girls, Lewinson won the 200 breast, placed 2nd in the 100 breast and took 5th place in the 50 free.

In the senior boys, Tony Wang (17) took 6th place in the 100 breast.

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III. Wednesday April 23, 2008 Time: 7:00PM-8:30PM
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Wednesday, April 9

2 to 6 p.m.: Teen Job Fair, summer employment opportunities; Princeton Public Library.

4:30 p.m.: Panel discussion, "Rightward Bound: Making America Conservative in the 1970s and What That Means in 2008"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

4:30 p.m.: Readings by fiction writers Gary Shteyngart and Rick Moody; Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street. Free.

7:30 p.m.: American Boychoir; St. Ann's Catholic Church, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: *Anything* Goes; Princeton High School Auditorium. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

4:30 p.m.: Talk by Prof. Daniel Kurtzer, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel and Egypt, on "Negotiating Arab-Israeli Peace: U.S. Diplomacy in the Middle East"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

7 p.m.: Multilingual Poetry Night, featuring area poets reading in eight languages; Princeton Public Library.

7 p.m.: Lewis School of Princeton's 12th annual cabaret, *Simple Meosures*; Villa Victoria Theater, Ewing.

7 p.m.: New Jersey Orators Prose and Poetry Presentation; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

8 p.m.: Pianist Emanuel Ax with New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Program in Theater & Dance production of *Orange Womon, A Ballad for o Moor*; Berlind Theatre. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Shaun Ruymen; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: Euripides' *The Trojan Women*; Spitz Studio Theater, Fine Arts Building, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, April 11

7:30 p.m.: England's Winchester College Chapel boys' choir; Trinity Church.

8 p.m.: Dance Improv, Live; All Saints' Church.

8 p.m.: Jazz Friday Series with Moss, jazz singers Theo Bleckmann, Peter Eldridge, Lauren Kinhan, and Kate McGarry; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: *Disney's High School Musical*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Elaine May's *Roger is Deod*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Cyrono de Bergeroc*; Heritage Center, 635 North Delmorr Avenue, Morrisville, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

8 p.m.: *At First Sight*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Wali Collins and Steve Lazarus; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

1 to 4 p.m.: Annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day; Princeton Family YMCA, Paul Robeson Place.

1 p.m.: Talk, book signing by Sen. Arlen Specter, author of *Never Give In: Battling Concer in the Senote*; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.

2 p.m.: Boheme Opera's *West Side Story*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

3 to 6 p.m.: Annual ESL International Day; YWCA Princeton Bramwell House, 59 Paul Robeson Place.

6:30 p.m.: Dick Braytenbah Trio with Tony Mennella; Hopewell Valley Bistro & Inn, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble and Juilliard Jazz Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

7:30 p.m.: Opera New Jersey "Spring Encore Opera" performance; PHS Senior Living Center, Stonebridge in Montgomery. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Jimmy Bosch Orchestra; Crossroads Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Exclusive New Jersey engagement of *One Night of Queen* with Gary Mullen and The Works; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Westminster Chapel Choir spring concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: The Princeton Singers; Johnson Education Cenier at D&R Greenway Land Trust, 1 Preservation Place.

8:30 p.m.: Rock singer Sarah Donner; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Sunday, April 13

11 a.m.: *The Odyssey Experience*; McCarter Theatre.

11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Jazz brunch with Glenn McCleliand Band; Princeton Windrows, 2000 Windrow Drive.

3 p.m.: Polka king Jimmy Sturr; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

3 p.m.: Program of original works by Princeton composers Rita Asch and Moshe Budmor, "Words that Sing and Songs that Speak"; Princeton Public Library. Free.

4 p.m.: Singer Sue Giles' jazz combo; Princeton Church of Christ.

4 p.m.: Princeton Society of Musical Amateurs; Unitarian Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road.

5 p.m.: Westminster Jubilee Singers concert, "The Best Is Yet To Come"; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, April 14

8 p.m.: Delaware Valley Poets, Barnes & Noble, Princeton MarketFair, Route 1.

Tuesday, April 15

Recycling

Noon: Screening of *Sond ond Sorrow*, narrated by George Clooney; Mercer County Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center, Communications Building, Mercer County Community College, Ewing. Free.

2:30 p.m.: "Who Used to Live in Your Back Yard?" program on Native American History with Jim Wade; Princeton Public Library.

5:30 p.m.: Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: NAMI Mercer meeting on the LEAP Approach; NAMI Center of Mercer County, Lawrence Commons, 3371 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

8 p.m.: Elaine May's Roger is Dead; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Wednesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Thursday at 2 p.m., Sunday at 2 and 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Euripides' The Trojan Women; Spitz Studio Theater, Fine Arts Building, Rider University, Lawrenceville. Also Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 p.m.: Talk by journalist Chris Hedges, author of *I Don't Believe in Atheists*; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: St. Petersburg State Ballet, *Cormen*; McCarter Theatre.

Thursday, April 17

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.: Annual Spring Rummage Sale; Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 80 West Broad Street, Hopewell. Also Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

4:30 p.m.: Talk by United Nations' Anne Le More on "International Assistance to the Palestinians After Oslo: Political Guilt, Wasted Money"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University.

Clubs

Princeton Singles has scheduled the following events in April.

The club will host a breaklast meeting this Friday, April 11 at 9 a.m. at Friendly's Restaurant on Route 206 in Montgomery. Admission will be the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 874-5434.

Hour-long canal walks, followed by an optional lunch, are scheduled for Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, April 26. Participants will meet at the bridge near the Canal Walk parking lot at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

Also on Saturday, April 12, club members will meet for dinner and dancing at Amarone's on Church Street in Windsor at 7 p.m. For reservations, call (609) 585-0897. A dinner with dancing will also be held on Saturday, April 19 at the General's Quarters at Mercer County Airport in West Trenton. For reservations, call (609) 882-0543.

A noon luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at the Princeton Elks Club in Blawenburg. Admission will be the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (609) 275-5180.

The club has also scheduled a bus trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, April 27 at 10 a.m. For information and reservations, call (732) 329-9470.

The **Astrological Society of Princeton** will meet this Sunday, April 13 at Educational Testing Service's Conant Hall, Lounge A at 2:30 p.m. Gary Christen, a practitioner of the Uranian or Hamburg School of astrology, will discuss "Current Economic and Mundane Trends."

A social hour will follow the lecture. The public is welcome. A donation will be accepted at the door.

For more information call (609) 924-4311.

House 6 of **Community Without Walls** will hold its monthly meeting this Sunday, April 13 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Church Parish Hall, 33 Mercer Street. The program will feature Frances Slade, founder and director of Princeton Pro Musica, discussing Pro Musica's upcoming performance of Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* in Trenton on May 4.

Community Without Walls is an organization committed to informing senior citizens in the Princeton area of ways to age in their own homes through mutual assistance, practical information, and organized activities. Interest groups include friendly support, dining out, book discussions, movie discussions, and current events. Newcomers are invited to attend the meeting.

The April meetings of **Toastmasters Club No. 4139** will be held on Monday, April 14 and Monday, April 21 at Mercer County Library, 138 Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome. For more information call Jim Samuel at (732) 605-1362.

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Soroptimist International of Princeton will hold a dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street. For information and reservations, call (609) 924-0872.

Plans are also being finalized for the club's Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, May 10 at the Princeton Elks in Skillman, which will include a basket auction and silent auction. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit community service projects. For tickets, call Judy Redding at (609) 799-1766. Prospective members are welcome.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will present a Jersey Jumpers Swing Dance on Friday, April 18 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road. A beginner Lindy Hop Lesson will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by open dancing from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

No partner is needed. Admission will be $11 for adults, $8 for students.

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ANSWER: As the proof is in the pudding, let us take a close look at life. If you give your children very little quality time when they are young, spending more time on a golf course than at home, then your children may rarely drop by when they are adults, or, if they do, you may get the 15 minute, in-and-out "duty visit".

By contrast, if you take the time to listen to the feelings of your spouse, she may in turn listen to you when you are down in the dumps. Or again, if you shovel the driveway for your neighbor this winter when he is ill, he may mow your lawn next summer when you are on vacation.

But, what if your neighbor is "an ungrateful rat", who takes without giving in return? Should you revert to being Scrooge, or is there any benefit in giving without getting back. Yes, there is. You become more caring, sensitive and selfless. So what, you say? Consider this story.

Suppose St. Peter brought you into a big building in which there were two rooms, one marked "Heavon" and the other "Hell". In the room marked "Hell", you see a banquet table covered with the linest of foods and drink. There is turkey with all the fixings, roast beef, ham, and anything else that your heart desires. But, you must eat the food using the utensils, and all the knives, forks and spoons are eight feet long. So, everyone in the room is starving to death, it being Hell to be so close and yet so far from all that luscious food.

In the room marked "Heaven", you see the same picture, it still being required to use the silverware to eat the food. But, because these people were selfless instead of selfish during their lives, it occurs to them to feed each other, extending their utensils to the person sitting across from them at the table. They are having a great party, being very happy. Whereas in Hell, all that occurs to the people is how to get the food into their own mouths without the other person stealing it.

Therefore, while the situation was the same, how the people approached the situation was different. Their approach was determined by how they lived their lives, and the basic choices are to either give or take. Being charitable then means having your eyes opened to see solutions, where others can only see problems. It means not being blind to what true happiness is, and seeing "the takers" in life with less bitterness and more compassion. It means finding yourself by losing yourself. It means "to give is to receive."

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Obituaries

Linda Preston

Linda Jeanne Gibson Preston, 60, of Vero Beach, Fla., formerly of Princeton, died March 27 in Vero Beach.

Born Linda Jeanne Gibson in New Brunswick, she attended Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She graduated from Wellesley College, then became the first female banking officer at Fanon Bank in Houston, Texas.

As a lifelong advocate of education and athletics, particularly in support of special needs children, she was the co-founder of Princeton's Special Education PTO and testified before county and state committees on behalf of the Princeton Regional Schools. A Princeton resident, from 1986 to 1996, she a supporter and volunteer for Special Olympics, the National Down Syndrome Society of Mercer County, and the Princeton Medical Center's June Fete. In 1996, the Board of Education passed an official decree in recognition of her efforts and impact. Over the last nine years she worked in the real estate industry in Indian River County, Florida.

Her faith and Catholic communities were instrumental in her life and of great comfort in her graceful death.

Daughter of the late John Gledhill Gibson and Catherine Valentino Gibson, she was predeceased also by her sister, Barbara Gibson Lancton. She is survived by her children, John Marshall Preston, Catherine Gibson Preston, Thomas Frederick Preston, and Joseph Fulkerson Preston; a brother, John Gledhill Gibson Jr.; and her former husband, John Frederick Preston III.

A Funeral Mass was held April 5 at St. Helen's Catholic Church, 2050 Vero Beach Avenue, Vero Beach, Fla. 32960. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 26 at St. Norbert's Catholic Church, 50 Leopard Road, Paoli, Pa. 19301.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Special Olympics, Indian River County, 235 Main Street, Sebastian, Fla. 32958; or "on behalf of the Gibsons" to the American Cancer Association, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718.

Frances O. Lange

Frances Olrich Lange, 86, a resident of Princeton for more than 50 years, died March 28, quietly at home. She was married to the late Victor Lange for 52 years.

Born in Syracuse, N.Y., the daughter of Ernest Louis and Mary Rose Olrich, she grew up in Kansas City, Chicago, and Minneapolis, attending Miss Harris's School, New Trier High School, and Northrop Collegiate. She graduated from Wells College in 1942 with a degree in German.

During World War II she was a designer at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, California, where she worked on the design and construction of P-38 Lightning aircraft wings. After her marriage in 1945 to Mr. Lange, she moved to Ithaca, New York, where he was a professor at Cornell University. She there began a lifelong collaboration with her husband's academic career, editing and translating. Her homes in Ithaca and Princeton were a memorable focal point for colleagues, students, and friends worldwide. She and her husband traveled the world from Chichen Itza to Cambodia, with extended stays in Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Italy.

The Langes moved to Princeton in 1957, where, a few years later, she became involved with the Princeton University Art Museum. She was proud to be a founding member of the Museum's docent program, to which she devoted much of her later life and enthusiasm. She was a diligent and respected student of art history, lecturing, researching, writing, gathering information for others, and working many hours at the Information Desk.

She had spent summers with her family on Sutton's Island, Maine since 1962.

She is survived by a daughter, Dora Gilstrap of Indio, Calif.; a son, Thomas of Bar Harbor, Maine; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Burial will be private. A memorial service will take place in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Trenton Children's Program, Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton 08544-1018.

Arrangements are under the directions of the Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue, Princeton.

Caesar Vescera

Caesar Vescera, 74, of Princeton, died April 5.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a resident of Princeton for many years. He had been an employee of Princeton University for more than 31 years in the Housing Department.

An avid gardener, he loved nature and animals. In his youth he won several Golden Glove championships in New York City.

He was dedicated to his family and gave selflessly to many.

Husband of the late Lydia Vescera, he is survived by his daughter, Susan Vescera of New Hope, Pa.; a sister, Frances Roberts of Galloway; a brother, Natale Vescera of Naugatuck, Conn.; and a dear friend, Florence Fisher of Flemington.

A celebration of his life will be held tomorrow, April 10 at 1 p.m. at the Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue. Burial will follow in Franklin Memorial Park, Route 27, North Brunswick. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home from noon until the 1 p.m. service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Loli's Place Inc. or any animal or environmental organization.

Marian H. Littleford

Marian Hastings Littleford, 94, of Princeton and Vieques, Puerto Rico, died March 28 peacefully at home.

A graduate of Wellesley College, she had been a stylist for the Marshall Fields catalogs.

She was also a lifelong volunteer who spent many years involved in service to the Institute of Rehabilitation in New York City. With her husband, she was a devoted supporter of the Vieques Conservation and Historic Trust, where she established a scholarship program for Wellesley students interested in conducting marine biology/ecology research.

She is survived by her husband, William D. Littleford; four children, Anne, Joseph, Michael, and Terry; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held later this spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made either to The Princeton University Medical Center or the Association for Macular Diseases.

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Hopewell Twp. — This estate boasts a very large banked barn with 4 stables and a partially finished second story. There is a corn crib, a detached 3 car garage, pump house and 1 bedroom caretaker cottage. The main house has 5 bedrooms and 2½ baths, including a large in-law suite with its own kitchen, living room and laundry room. MLS#532149 **$925,000**

Hamilton Twp. — Move right in to this pristine ranch with lovely refinished hardwood floors. There are multiple walk-in closets and plenty of storage areas tucked away. The backyard has been fenced for privacy and has good sized barbecue pit for cooking out. Located on a cul-de-sac near Five Points, there is easy access to highways and the Hamilton train station. MLS#5325233 **$335,000**

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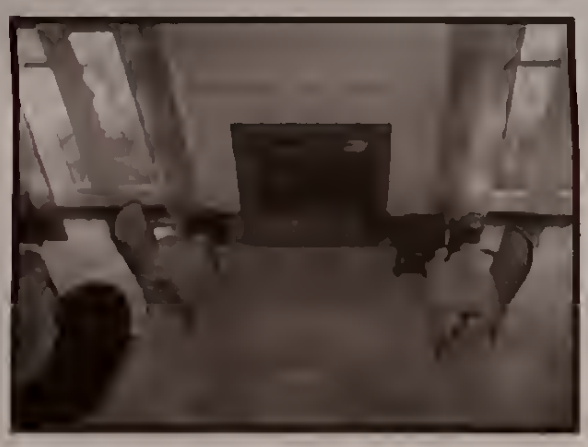

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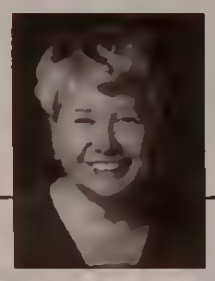

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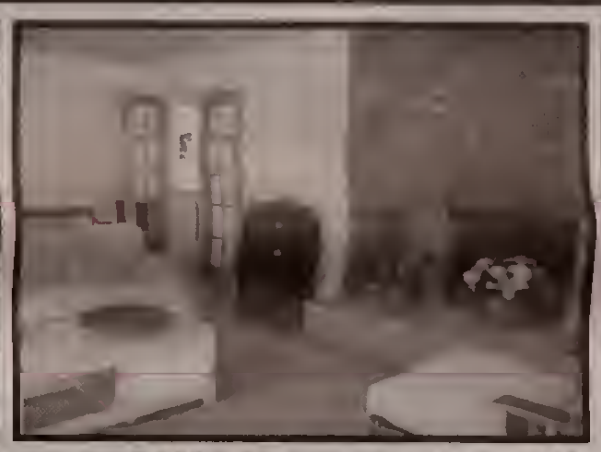

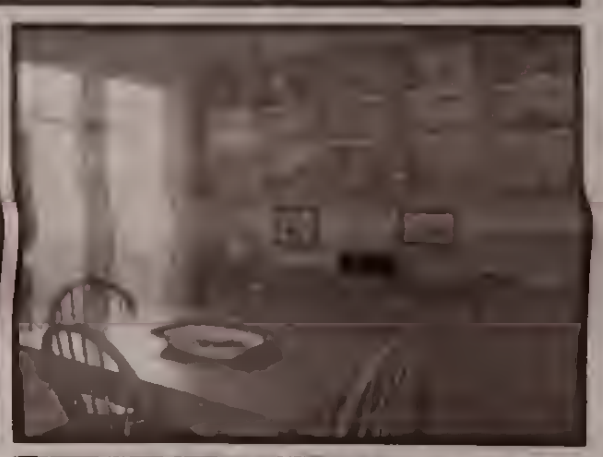

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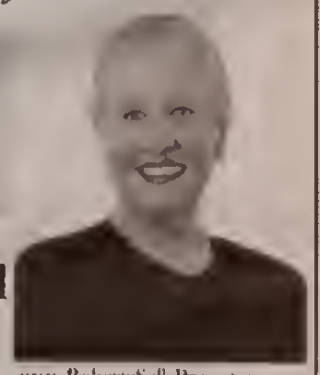

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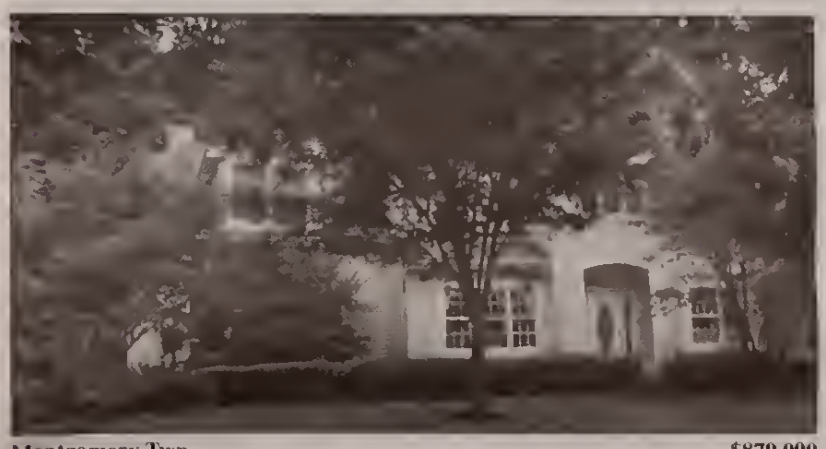

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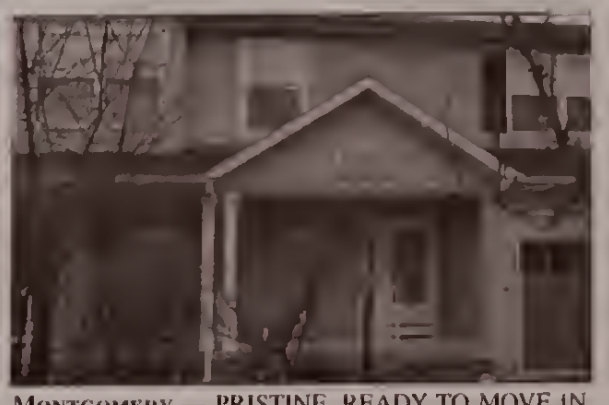

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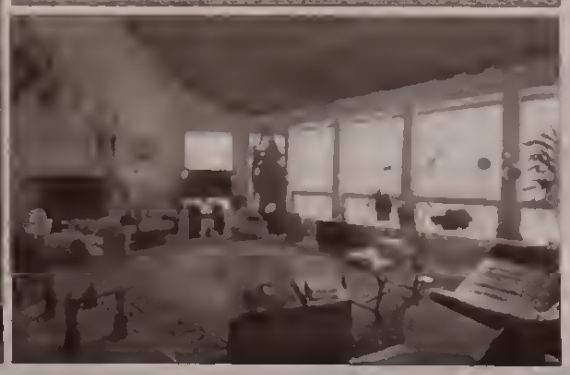

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Let the Sunshine in!" That song from the 1960s musical *Hair* was never more relevant. Light is the way to go in houses today. New homes have more and larger windows than ever, and people with older houses are often looking to remodel, with light a major focus.

"People love light. They want to live with light," points out Robbie Nelson, owner of Nelson Glass and Aluminum. "With windows becoming so much more energy-efficient, people can have more and more windows, bigger windows, and skylights."

There may be more of them to clean, but even that's easier now with some of the newer models.

"With home sales down, people are remodeling their houses, upgrading and making them more efficient," notes Harry Burroughs of Heath Lumber in Ewing. "They are replacing their windows and doors with energy-efficient models (insulated double-pane, low E glass) which normally pay for themselves in a couple of years with heating and fuel savings, and they will increase the value of the house."

Energy-Efficiency

The emphasis on "green" and environmentally-friendly products is definitely a factor in windows today, adds Robbie Nelson. "Everyone in this day and age has to be concerned about energy. The extra layer of glass in insulated or double-pane windows means energy-efficiency."

The double-pane windows eliminate the need for storm windows, offer easier maintenance, and there is more and more call for them, she points out.

"People are very ecologically-aware here in Princeton, and double-pane windows make a difference. It's more important than ever to use that extra layer of glass. There is also high performance glass, low E, which helps to keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It features a coating on the glass, and is very

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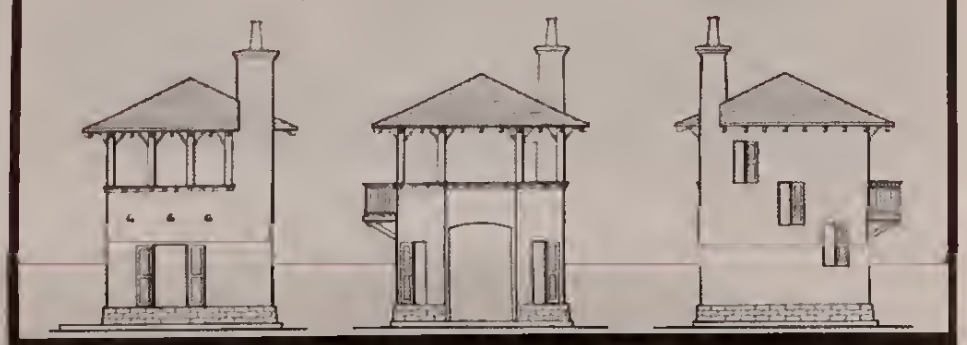

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Casement windows, which are hinged to open from the side, as contrasted with the up and down opening of double-hung windows, are often popular, notes Ms. Nelson, and they can also be double-pane. "Sometimes, casement windows are appropriate in a particular setting, and in new houses, the architect frequently wants that look.

Older-Style

"Also, people with beautiful old houses often like to keep the feeling of the older-style windows, with the colonial look of many smaller panes, rather than a large expanse of pane," she adds. "One possibility is simulated true divided light, where wood or metal grids are glued on the outside of double-pane windows."

Even insulated glass can have problems over time, however, as she points out. "If moisture gets between the two layers, the glass eventually appears white, not clear, It is still energy-efficient, but aesthetically unattractive. We are often asked to replace it. We carry high quality glass, and most of the double-pane glass is guaranteed for 10 years, but actually lasts much longer."

When it's time to replace windows — for whatever reason — consult a professional — adds Harry Burroughs. If windows don't open and close smoothly, the wood appears soft (this can be checked by tapping the frame with a flat-blade screwdriver), or there are drafts coming in, then it's time for a new window.

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ing frames, and the other half replace the complete window unit," says Mr. Burroughs. "To be able to use replacement windows, the existing frame has to be decent: no rotting or weather damage, nor out-of-square. Styles and colors vary."

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sliding door, and the aluminum is in silver, bronze, or white. The metal has a 'thermal break' in it which does not allow the conduction of heat or cold from inside to outside."

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Now that the windows are in place, the next step is attention to the window treatments. With more and larger windows today, homeowners now have many opportunities to select the best enhancement with shades, blinds, draperies, etc. The choices are abundant, and once again, environmentally-friendly options are a key factor.

"Consumer demand is driving the introduction of eco-friendly fabrics, window treatments, and wallcoverings," says Paul Veronsky, owner of Window Accents. "For example, the 'Kravet

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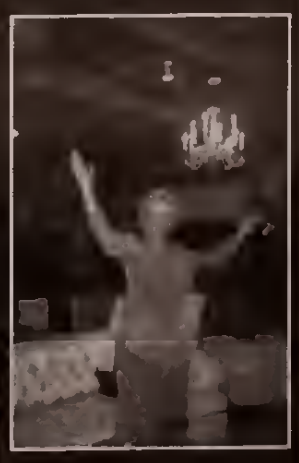

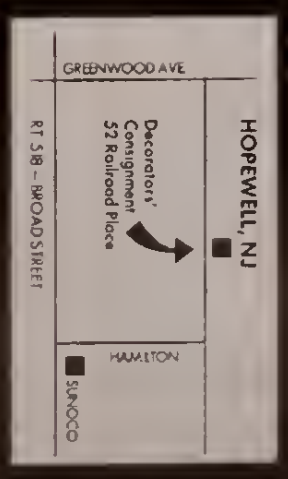

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Adds Amy Lebovitz of Interiors by Decorating Den: "Most companies have fabrics and products that add to the overall energy efficiency of windows. There are charts available for the consumer to help chose products that are right for their environment. These charts depict insulation ranges based on product and fabric type.

"Also, renewable resources are everywhere," she continues. "The woven woods can be used in any application

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and in various styles (such as hobbled Roman shades). Top-down bottom-up features can also be used, allowing the consumer to control light and therefore energy costs. Easy care and durability have all been improved."

Colors, fabrics, and styles offer real variety in today's window treatments, she adds, with customization and personalization high priorities. "Color trends this season sound like a contradictory statement. On one hand, bold colors, like aqua, orange, pink, lime are hot, and anchored by espresso brown. And even though brown is the new black, bold black and white patterns are reinvented to create the 21st century's version of the 1960s mod look.

Earth Tones

"On the other hand, more earth tone colors are used as neutrals, colors with a hint of brown in them to bring them down a notch — moss green, not seafoam green, wheat, coffee, gray-brown, etc."

Paul Veronsky points out another look as well. "Trends in style are bold and graphic. We see a lot of fine or elaborate textured fabric with lustrous overtones. Metallic hues get a lot of attention with gold, silver and copper threads adding luster to fabrics from linen to leather. Popular themes include organic shapes, paisleys, stripes, faux animal fur, ethnic motifs, and retro-inspired looks in updated colorways."

Also, he continues, "Window treatments are seeing a trend toward natural materials. Bamboo and Grass cloth shades now offer a variety of options for large open spaces including sliding doors. We can get them to slide vertically across the sliders, which makes matching smaller windows much easier. The choices in these fabrics are tremendous and offer the homeowner the ability to bring some of the outdoors inside."

Ms. Lebovitz observes this development as well. Sliding glass doors have new possibilities. No more are you stuck with the verticals of yesteryear. There are new types of verticals that are built on a track system and easily slide with a push of

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a finger on the guide rail. Materials range from elegant fabric panels to renewable resources like reeds and bamboo. The consumer has more choices to coordinate with furnishings, and you have light control without sacrificing style. These panels can also be used as room dividers in a more contemporary setting."

With the increasing focus on light and larger windows, Ms. Lebovitz also notes other new design options available to homeowners. "A lot of homes these days have two-story windows, usually with an arch above them or another set of windows. Most people want to preserve as much of the view and light as possible. So, we have been treating this grouping of windows as individual pieces.

"The first group is the bank of windows closest to the floor level. They are accented with board-mounted stationary panels or stationary panels on short decorative rods with posts. These smaller rods take the place of the one long rod that stretches across the entire length of the window. These fresh new window treatment designs accent the beautiful windows and views, and are very cost-effective because they use much less fabric and hardware.

"The second group is the arch or second bank of windows in the second story area," she continues. "A very popular trend is to place a decorative faux iron grate in the arch window above. What a WOW factor! This composite material gives the look of wrought iron for a fraction of the cost and weight. It provides decoration to a space that typically would remain undressed, and it allows light to flow through. These decorative wrought iron grates are also being used in the space between the windows in two-story rooms."

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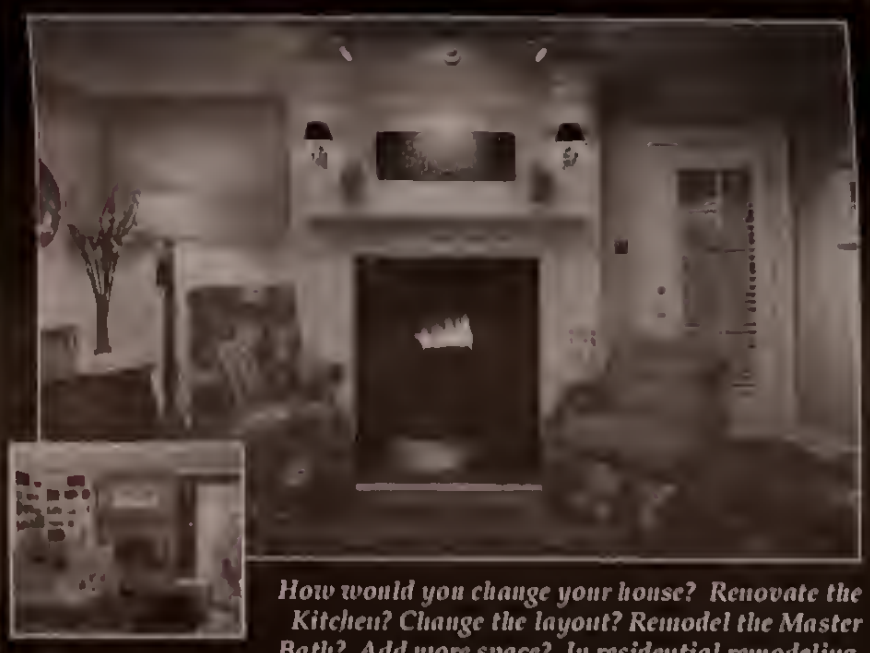
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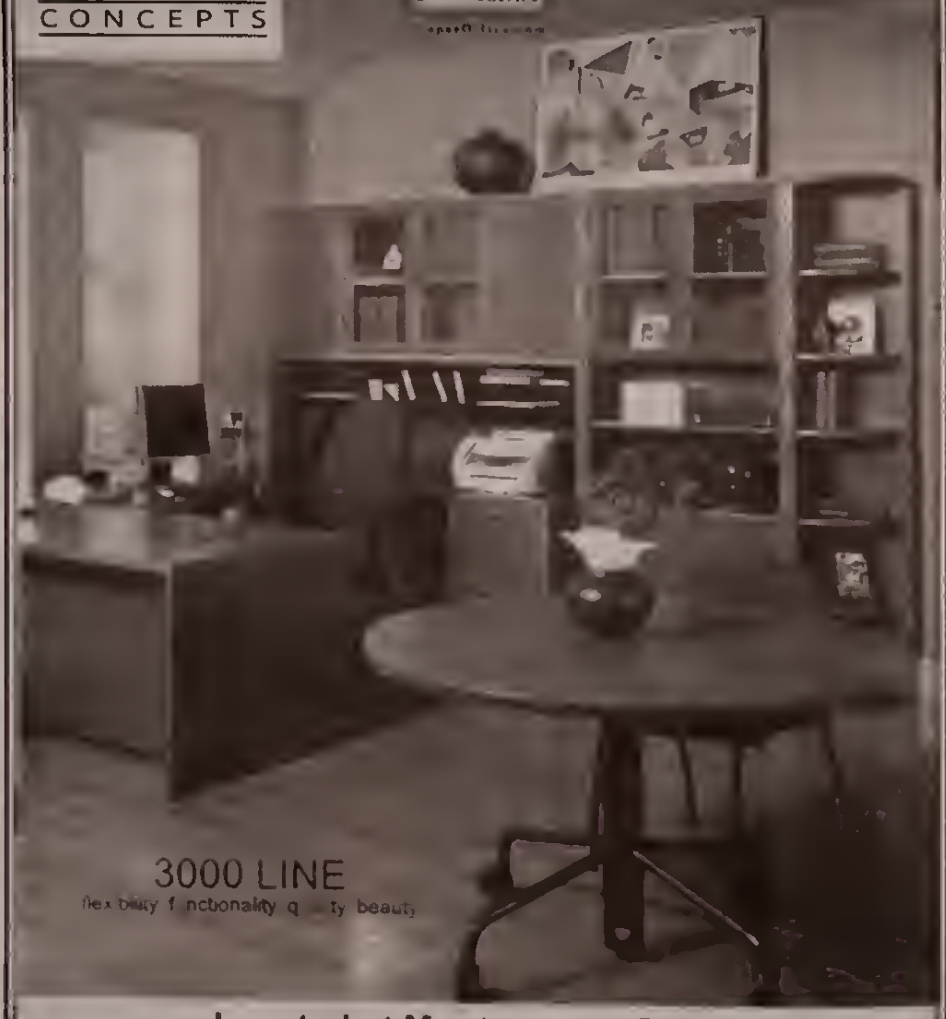

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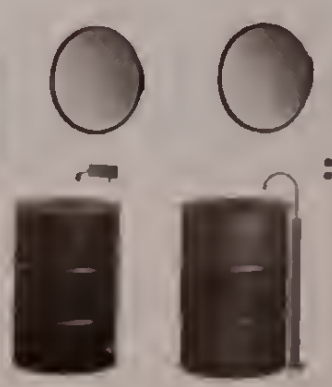

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For many people, zipping in and out of the garage as fast as possible is a given. They don't want to look at the plethora of extraneous items, stacks of vintage books, magazines, and newspapers, as yet unrecycled bottles, cans, clothing, unorganized garden tools, car accessories, and athletic gear.

If this sounds like your garage, perhaps it's time for a change. It, too, can be neat, organized and tidy. You will actually be able to find those missing pruning shears, picnic coolers, car polish and chamois, and beach umbrella!

"We're working on a lot of garages now. They're a real hot item." says Joyce Turner, owner of the Closet Doctor, a company specializing in creating order out of chaos through the use of specific shelving and cabinets.

Organizational Systems

"I think people are staying home more, and they want all areas of the house to be pleasant and comfortable. That includes the garage," she points out.

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Ms. Turner notes that customers often like to include a combination of cabinets and ventilated coated wire shelves. The cabinets offer the opportunity to conceal items for an even neater-looking garage.

"Every customer is different," she reports, "and the beauty of what we do is that we have either/or, or a combination of our products. And we always work within a customer's budget."

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The first thing — and often the hardest — for the homeowner is to empty the space. "It's a people process," points out Ms. Turner. "They have to empty the garage. Many garages are storage sites for items unrelated to the garage. Then, they make a 'Wish List'. Do they want all the gardening tools in one area? Car accessories together? Bikes, sports equipment, camping/picnic/vacation items all organized?

"Then, we make a layout with the customers' needs apparent. What things have to be there? We have racks for everything — bikes, golf clubs, skis, tennis rackets, etc. Some people like to have a lot of picnic things or camping items stored up high. We also make a spot for lawn mowers, wheel barrows, ladders, recycling cans, etc. — and, obviously — the car!"

One Day

Whether the garage is for one, two, or three cars is another determining factor, she adds. "A garage can be more than a garage these days. It can be a work area, a place for hobbies, electric trains, etc. A one-car garage is often more of a practicality job. Storage is more of a problem there, since less space is available. And it's certainly important that car doors open easily with room for people to get in and out smoothly."

No matter the size of the space, Ms. Turner notes that "Our motto is: 'A place for everything, and everything in its place.' Once the job is done, the customers are really happy. We design the space and make it fit their pocketbook. It's typically a one-day installation and a very clean installation. People tell us it has changed their lives. The hardest thing is making that first phone call."

Once the garage is shipshape, many people decide they'd like a new look for the floor. Plain old concrete just doesn't cut it with the spiffy new space. Epoxy paint is an option but even better, say the experts, is a hybrid polymer composite coating, offering almost effortless clean-up. The floor is engineered for easy cleaning with a special sealant that resists stains and peeling. Just a damp mopping. No worry about stains and spills.

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A one-day installation is typically all that is necessary, and then you, too, have a garage fit for a Ferrari!

Many people enter their homes through the garage every day. It can be the "front door' to their house. Sometimes overlooked, the garage door often has a big effect on the overall appearance of the house. Some real estate studies indicate that an up-to-date door can add five to eight percent to the house's value.

Garage Door

History buffs will enjoy knowing that the wood garage door was invented in 1921 by C. G. Johnson In Hartford, Indiana, reports Louis A. Jamner III, owner of Jammer Doors, headquartered in Lawrenceville. The steel door came along in the early 1970s, and it still accounts for 70 percent of the market.

Jammer Doors is celebrating its 88th year, and it is a fourth generation family-owned business. It carries and installs the doors of such quality manufacturers as Raynor and Artisan.

"Today, the homeowner is seeking insulated steel or vinyl doors," says Mr. Jammer. "The four-panel door

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still stands as the most common request. Depending on the home and the position of the house on the street, windows in the garage can add true character and curb appeal and increase the perceived value of the house."

One of the hottest doors on the market today is the carriage house-style door, he adds. Combining antique charm with modern functionality, these doors add a stately look both to new and older homes. Traditionally carriage doors were constructed of two doors that swung open. Today's doors have been constructed for garages, featuring convenient roll-up overhead sectional design.

"Once reserved for the estate-style home, the carriage house door is here to stay," reports Mr. Jammer. "It is available in all price points and materials, including steel, vinyl, fiberglass, and of course, wood. Homeowners are always looking for style, but they also ask for anything with low maintenance. That is why manufacturers are all rushing to the design table to bring the most aesthetic-looking doors with the least upkeep.

"We can also match the garage door with the front and side entrance doors," he continues. "At Jammer Doors, we take pride in the fact that we leave 'no door unlocked' when it comes to options for garage doors and door-related products. We are trend-setters and are on the cutting edge of the ever-changing door industry."

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"We specialize in arches and ellipses," says Ms. Bouvier, who also designs the doors. "They are manufactured right here at our headquarters. Our wood doors are made of Douglas fir and Cypress, and we make doors for new homes and replacement doors for existing houses."

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Check in for the tour will be at the The Pennington School on West Delaware Avenue, where free parking is available. Guests may pick up their prepaid tickets or purchase tickets the day of the event.

Participants will stroll down the tree shaded streets of Main Street on their way to each of the 11 historic homes, a historic bank, and landmark church. Horse and carriage rides will be available and visitors may stop in a cafe, coffee shop, or specialty shop in downtown Pennington.

Each home has been chosen because of its unique architecture and story to tell. Many homes have been restored to retain all of the integrity of the original house, while including modern conveniences.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for $13 by visiting www.hopewellvalley history.org or at The Front Porch located at 24 South Main Street. The day of the event, tickets may be purchased at the Pennington School for $15.

Proceeds from the home tour will benefit the Hopewell Valley Historical Society, a non-profit organization founded to preserve, protect and promote an awareness of the long and rich heritage of the historic Hopewell Valley. The Society, formed in 1975, has worked to keep local history alive by collecting artifacts, publishing an award winning newsletter and offering programs in the community on history that are open to the public at no charge. The Society represents the communities of Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough, and Hopewell Borough.

"Homes on Main" is one of the many special events planned in a year long celebration of Pennington's 300th anniversary. The tour is being sponsored by Henderson Sotheby's International Realty, as well as many other generous sponsors. For additional information visit www.hopewell valleyhistory.org.

HART-ATCHLEY HOUSE CIRCA 1822: Located at 123 South Main Street in Pennington, this home is part of the fown's Historic House four on Safurday, April 19. 8uilt by Smifh Jay and sold to sisters Ester and Charity Hart the following year. The two sisfers married, buf refained this house until 1839. Judge Levi Afcley acquired the house much later and made substantial changes circa 1880. Nofe the raised walls above the second floor windows fhaf allow for Ifalianate brackets and built-in gutters, fhe Vicforian 2 over 2 windows that replaced the earlier small pane windows, the front door relocated fo fhe end bay and made double, and fhe delicate Victorian porch.

CORNELL-LEWIS HOUSE CIRCA 1780/1050: Located at 111 North Main Street in Pennington, this home is part of the town's Historic House tour on Saturday, April 19. **The southern or right hand portion of this house was built for Edward Cornell (1737 – 1784), a retired tarmer, abouf 1780, or shortly thereafter for his widow Sarah, who died fhere in 1816. The parcel was a long narrow lot on the east side of North Main, separating the house from the village. Cornell's farm, north ot Franklin Avenue, was then in the hands ot his sons. The house also included a rear kitchen "ell". The house next passed through the hands ot Joseph Stout and William Beakes with a small farm that lay across the road. About 1850, the northern two bays were added, and the interior of the old section redone. With taller first floor windows and the lack of overhangs, the trim box shape is typical ot houses built prior to the 1840's. In 1889, the property was purchased by William Cornell Lewis, a descendant ot the Cornell tamily. The house remained wifh the Lewis tamily until 1964, when it was sold by Edward Lewis and his wife Alice Blackwell Lewis, well known local historian, curator of fhe Hopewell Museum, and author of Hopewell Valley Heritage, published in 1973.**

EVERGREEN HALL CIRCA 1836: Located at 205 South Main Street in Penningfon, this home is part of the town's Hisforic House tour on Saturday, April 19. Historian Jack Larkin wrofe about the school retorms of the 1830's, during which "American families in the North began to send fheir children – in particular, increasing numbers of girls – to school tor longer periods of time". This "Female Seminary of Penningfon" is our example. Rivertront entrepreneur Joseph Titus, through whose land fhe Delaware and Raritan Canal was built two years earlier, led a joint stock company for the consfruction ot the building. Archifecf or Master Builder Augusfine Van Kirk (1825 –1877) purchased fhe lot from his father, and included it in the deal. Van Kirk was jusf 21 at the fime. The four story brick building with Greek Revival entrance was Penningfon's largesf structure of the day. Conducfed under two private administrafions until 1841, the building was purchased then by fhe Presbyterian Church. At the same time anofher lof was purchased on fhe soufh, and the Presbyterian parsonage was fhen builf. This was early in the pastorafe of Rev. George Hale. His sister Mary Hale took charge of the school, eventually boughf it, and named it Evergreen Hall. The building became a boarding house abouf 1885.

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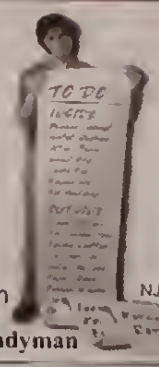

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Is your pad sad? Are your digs drab?

Now that spring is here, a new look may be in order for rooms that are a little tired, rugs worn from kids' feet and pets' paws, and furniture, if not frayed, perhaps forlorn. Not to worry, help is at hand!

As owner of Rooms For Improvement, Anne Battle has been helping clients create a new look in their homes for the past four years. Even before, when she was owner, with Marcy Kahn and Shelley Roe, of Birds of A Feather, the gift and furniture shop in Kingston, she helped customers with furniture placement and color ideas.

IT'S NEW To Us

And even before that. When she founded Family-born, the Mildred Morgan Center for Birth and Women's Health in 1978, she was very much involved in ensuring that the rooms were colorful and comforting, as well as functional. As she says, "I went from birthing babies to decorating rooms!

Great Sources

"I tell people right away that I am not a typical decorator; I've had no formal training," explains Ms. Battle. "But I think I have a great eye, and I also am really good at working very quickly and within all different budgets. I have great sources, and I know where to find things."

Ms. Battle takes on all types of projects — from one room to an entire mansion. Old houses, new houses, apartments and condos — she likes them all. As she points out, "People realize they can call me for even the smallest project. I really like the small jobs, too; they are just as challenging as the big ones.

"I work a lot with existing furniture," she continues. "Maybe one room isn't working. We can take one piece of furniture and move it from one room to another. This can make a big difference in how a room looks. Or I can help people decide where to hang pictures or get artwork if they need it. I represent artist Fay Sclarra from Lawrenceville."

If new furniture is appropriate, Ms. Battle is able to find it quickly. "My idea of fun is to go into a warehouse with thousands of pieces of furniture and light fixtures and pick out a perfect piece for the client in record time. I like instant gratification! I can usually finish an entire house in a week."

Or less. Consider the story of Princeton resident Karen Loomis. "I called Anne Battle on a Monday morning, and she said she could see me that afternoon. I was starting over, and all I had was a rug in the living room, a mattress for my bedroom, and my daughter's bedroom furniture. The rest of the house was completely empty.

"Two days later, the house was completely furnished. It's like a showcase, and I didn't pay full price for anything. Anne came up with all these wonderful finds, and I saved so much money. I was totally amazed at the transformation that took place so quickly. And I was so impressed with Anne."

Pure Pleasure

Finding just the right piece of furniture, art, window treatment, fabric, etc. is pure pleasure for Ms. Battle. "For one project, I was able to get a chandelier from the Carlisle Hotel in New York when it was under renovation. We placed it in the dining room which had a cathedral ceiling, which was painted a beautiful washed blue. At night every single crystal on the chandelier sparkled, and it looked like stars all across the ceiling."

A Princeton native, Ms. Battle says she inherited her decorating skills from her mother, Mildred Morgan, and she has always liked to arrange and rearrange rooms." I learned it all from my mother. She was always re-doing a room. She'd say, 'Anne, we need to repaint the living room and rearrange the furniture. I always helped her, and I also loved to rearrange my own room and change the colors, etc."

She adds that when she married and had her own home, this proclivity continued. "My husband is such a good sport. He'd never know when he came home from work if he'd find that a wall was taken down!"

"And when we had Birds of A Feather, we'd spend all day rearranging the rooms in the store. Shelley would paint, and Marcy and I would haul furniture. No need to go to a gym for a workout!"

The transition from Birds of A Feather into Rooms For Improvement has gone very smoothly, she reports. "I am so encouraged. I am thrilled. Clients are from all over — Princeton, of course, also West Windsor, South Brunswick, and even Jersey City and New York."

Customers' needs cover a wide range as well. Some want help eliminating clutter, when there's just too much of everything. "I've worked with people who were overwhelmed by moving and had not unpacked their boxes. I *helped them with that and* made their living space livable."

Clutter Control

If clutter is a big issue, Ms. Battle brings in clutter control expert Janet Baxendale to oversee the sorting and discarding.

Another project included finding the right room arrangement for two people, one of whom was blind. "It was important to make everything comfortable and accessible for him, and pleasing and attractive for his wife," explains Ms. Battle.

"I also helped a woman who was living in a retirement village with her elderly mother and her mother's helper. She had given her large bedroom to her mother and the aide, and she was sleeping in her study. We turned the study into a lovely bedroom. Your bedroom should be a haven, a peaceful place away from the stresses of the day.

"She called me afterward and said, 'Not only did you take a sad-looking pad and make it beautiful, you brought happiness to my soul!'"

Such comments are wonderful to hear, notes Ms. Battle. "My biggest pleasure is meeting people and knowing I have helped them."

Ms. Battle finds that people are tending to spend more time in their homes today. Whether a lingering result of September 11 or because of the current uncertain economy, they are staying put. "They want to enjoy their homes with family and friends. Your home should be safe, warm, and happy. Home is a place where people have a connection."

One Room

She adds that clients often call her to help with one room and then decide to include another area of the house too. When she takes on a project, it is important to determine the client's lifestyle, she points out.

"Do people have kids, pets? Are they formal, informal? Do they entertain? How do they want a room used? If necessary, we'll pick out all the furniture around the cats!"

Ms. Battle says that she especially enjoys including an element of surprise into her designs. For example, "If there is a large empty space, I like to put interesting things on the walls, such as an iron gate, shutters, a hooked rug. Something unexpected. I think one of my specialties is being able to find unique pieces and creating an element of surprise."

DEFT DECORATING: "What I love about this job is that I never know who will be on the other side of the door when I ring the bell. I'm honored that people let me come into their lives for a period of time." Anne Battle, owner of Rooms For Improvement, enjoys helping clients create a new look for their surroundings.

Ms. Battle meets with a prospective client for a two-hour initial consultation, when she assesses the job. "That is $185, and that may be all that is needed," she explains. "If the project continues, it is $40 an hour.

"Chemistry with the client is so important," she adds. "It's crucial to have a good working relationship. I ask people to be very honest and tell me if they hate something I have chosen. A decorator has to have a thick skin!'"

She must also have a sense of the client's personality and taste, she notes, and especially, a decorator must have a vision. "You must be able to envision how the whole room will look. Another thing, you must learn to respect everyone's different style and be genuinely happy working in a style that is different from your own.

"Overall, I'm a believer in that if you have a vision, you create it and make it happen, whatever it is. Whether it's the establishment of a birthing center, raising a teenage boy, or decorating a room, nothing should hold you back.

"When someone picks up the phone and says, 'I need help; can you come?' Off I go!"

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CUSTOM CABINETRY: "Our niche is that we design and sell premium custom cabinetry and integrate it within all the other aspects of the kitchen." Bill Noval (left) and Bruce Timbie, owners of Spyglass Design, Inc., stand in front of Neff "Anigre" wood cabinet panels.

Bill Noval and Bruce Timbie want you to have the kitchen of your dreams. The Hopewell natives opened Spyglass Design, Inc. at 31 West Broad Street in their home town in 1997, and demand for their elegant designs and custom cabinetry continues to grow.

"I think of us as a 10-year overnight success!" says Mr. Timbie, with a smile. "As the business expands, there's a lot of work. And every year, I'm amazed at the improvements we've made."

Formerly in corporate finance, Mr. Timbie handles the business end of the Spyglass operation. The company sees the project through from concept to completion, he explains. Custom cabinetry is its specialty, and it also provides the overall kitchen plan which integrates all aspects of the space.

"We are on the site continuously," he points out. I oversee the flow of the project from beginning to end. The amount of detail and the number of decisions that go into every project is the biggest challenge. You have to be organized and on top of everything."

Creative Aspect

An architect, Mr. Noval is the lead designer at Spyglass. "I really enjoy the creative aspect of the work," he notes. "Especially the part of the process when it's just beginning, and you can capture someone's vision with sketches, and they say 'I never envisioned it could look like that; or 'it's exactly what I wanted.'"

There are so many elements to take into account in the design, he adds. "Of course, we get into the budget and determine what is possible and what constitutes good value for the client's needs. Then, we take into consideration their life-style, how the kitchen is used, who cooks, are there kids and pets, how many people in the kitchen, etc.?"

As the "heart of the home", the kitchen is a key gathering place — not just for cooking but for conversation — and it continues to evolve. Once primarily a functional focus, it has become an attractive social space as well.

Kids do homework, watch TV, and moms and dads pay bills at the kitchen table. Some kitchens even have computer work stations along with the latest state-of-the-art coffee-makers and wine coolers.

"The trends are for bigger kitchens, more functionality (optimizing space and storage, easy work places, high technology), white cabinetry, and we're also seeing interest in exotic veneers," says Mr. Timbie. "Also, in the last three years, there is a big emphasis on being 'green'. All of our brands are as environmentally-friendly as possible. Even in the manufacturing. For example, safer off-gassing processes in glue are practiced now."

Spyglass carries Neff Kitchens' contemporary line of custom cabinets and the more traditional Christiana line from Lancaster, Pa., both state-of-the-art.

Custom Design

"Neff and Christiana allow us to make our own style within their lines," continues Mr. Timbie. "They allow the designer to design and stress individuality. Everything we do is custom, so we are always doing something new. We do a wide range of designs and styles — everything from contemporary to Old World traditional. Our design practice is very interactive functionally and stylistically and within the client's budget.

"We also need to know the client's choice for appliances, and then we work with that. For example, a customer might say, 'This is the stove I want,' and then we build around that stove."

Stainless steel is still popular for appliances, he reports, as is the integrated refrigerator. SubZero and Miele are favored, and he notes that "SubZero is currently the only true integrated refrigerator. It's the gold standard of integrated."

Granite is the top choice for countertops, along with soapstone and wood. Tile is popular for flooring, as is wood. White cabinetry (in various tones) is increasingly popular, reports Mr. Timbie, but there is truly a choice for everyone — from high voltage hues to soothing neutral shades; handsome cherry, sleek stainless steel, and painted, glazed, or stained are all options.

The majority of Spyglass Design's work is renovation of existing kitchens, although projects involving new homes are also part of the business. And clients are from all over, says Mr. Timbie. "Our geographic range includes Princeton to Martha's Vineyard to New York to Bermuda. We also often work on customers' vacation homes, and if they move, we are frequently called to design their new kitchen."

Once the Spyglass designers (also including Laura Todd and Gayla Olson) provide a plan, and the homeowner is on board, then Spyglass will often suggest general contractors and installers.

Fine-Tuning

This is a very important part of the process, explains Mr. Timbie. "We really know who the highly-preferred people are to work with, and this is major to the success of the project. For example, there is all the fine-tuning of the cabinets. It's not just installation, it's fitting."

A major project can take from four to nine months from beginning to end, including discussing the plans, he adds.

Spyglass Design's reputation continues to grow. Mr. Noval has been asked to present seminars at the Miele headquarters on Route One, and he has appeared on HGTV shows. Spyglass is also consulting on the kitchen for the upcoming Princeton Junior League Show House, and the company is a member of the New Jersey Better Business Bureau.

"We are set apart by our overall design sensibility and functionality," says Mr. Timbie.

Mr. Timbie and Mr. Noval look forward to many more years of offering clients the best in kitchen design. A Spyglass kitchen can last 20 years or more, they note, but of course, styles can change in that time.

And Mr. Noval points out, "This is a wonderful time in the business. Manufacturers are making so many interesting products, and customers are often well-educated in the products. When the right energy goes into the project, you know it, and you can feel a great sense of accomplishment."

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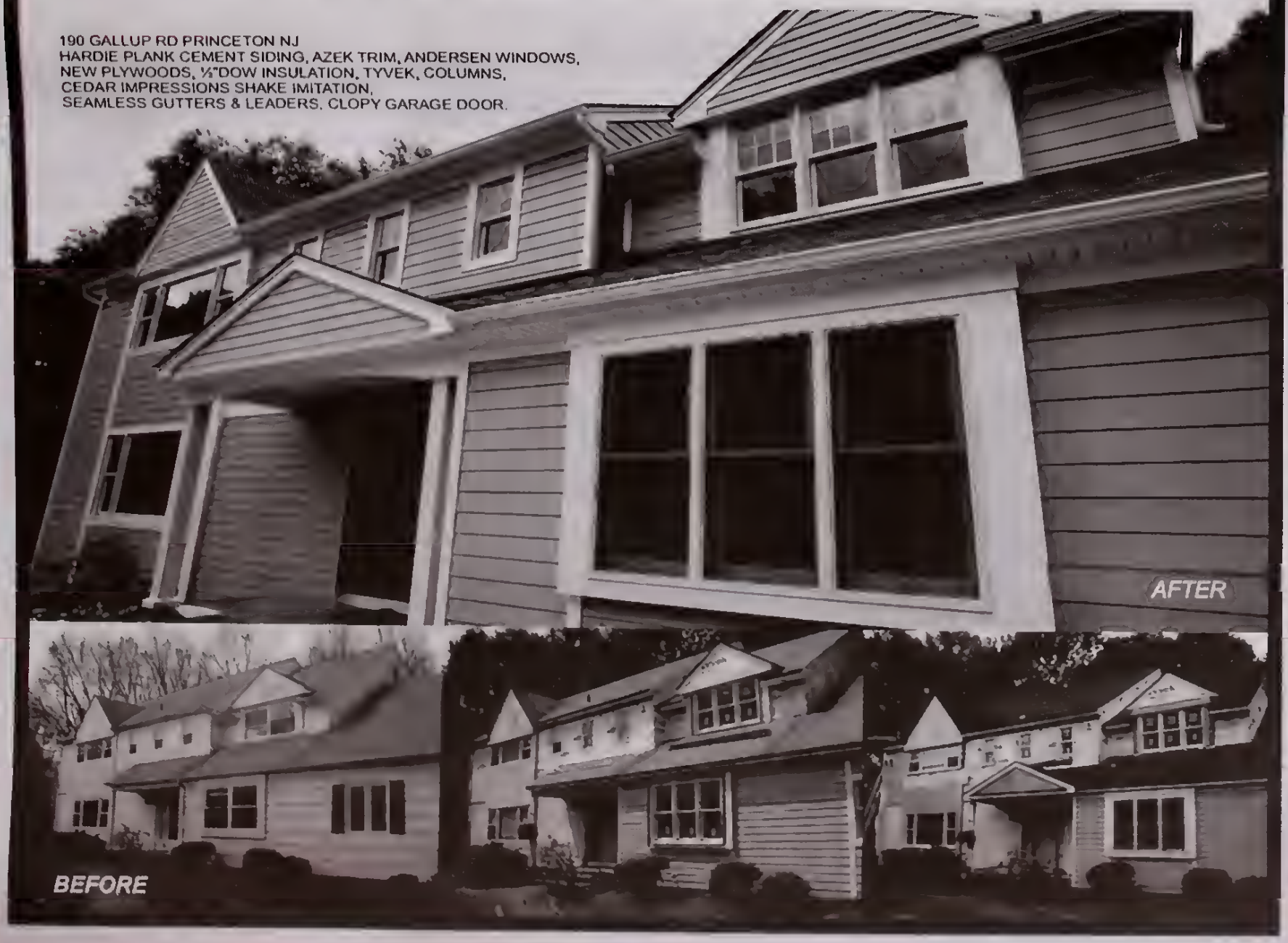

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